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### The 'art' of the possible is alive and well at the University

Universities, by their very definition, are the primary venues in our society for exploration.

And nowhere is this more apparent than in the fine arts

The arts teach our students important lessons in collaboration and teamwork. They instill knowledge through the "learn by doing" model that has become one of the underpinnings of the culture of success that we stress at our University. The arts instill problem-solving skills, challenge students to achieve their personal best, and promote community engagement.

There is also a clear economic advantage associated with an investment in the arts. In a March 2014 Chronicle of Higher Education article, a study by the National Endowment for the Arts and the U.S. Bureau of Economic



DeAunn Davis, faculty horn professor, Larry Engstrom, director of the University of Nevada, Reno School of the Arts, University President Marc Johnson, Inge Bruggeman, assistant professor and director of the Black Rock Press, and Adam Benjamin, piano, jazz and improvisational music instructor.

Analysis traced the relationship of arts and the gross domestic product (GDP). Fine-arts schools, departments of fine arts and performing arts and academic performing-arts centers were found to have added \$7.6 billion to the nation's GDP. For every dollar consumers spent on arts education, an additional 56 cents was generated elsewhere in the U.S. economy. The article also noted that in interviews with more than 1,500 CEOs worldwide, "creativity trumps other leadership characteristics."

At our University, this is an exciting time to be part of the arts. We recently celebrated the completion of the Act I renovation project in Church Fine Arts. This effort includes the new Edna B. and Bruno Benna Foundation Atrium entry into Church Fine Arts off Virginia Street, a remodeled Redfield Proscenium Theatre and upgraded Front Door Gallery. We are continuing to build faculty strength in the key areas of the fine arts. Joining already renowned faculty, we've made recent additions that include a Grammy-nominated pianist; a critically acclaimed French horn player formerly with the Civic Orchestra of Chicago; a professor in theater history; a director of graphic arts; and a director of academic bands.

As you will read in this issue of Nevada Silver & Blue, today's faculty and students in the College of Liberal Arts and the School of the Arts, who are performing at a historically high level, follow in the footsteps of several important campus arts figures. Just two of them are Theodore Post (who not long after arriving in 1927, established a community orchestra and a longtime campus and community tradition, the Christmas production of Handel's Messiah) and Art Professor Craig Sheppard who, it has been written, "not only helped bring the world of art to Nevada ... took his own work to other cities and brought Nevada a reputation it had not previously enjoyed."

Today, the faculty, students and friends of the arts at the University are ensuring that the arts continue to nurture our creativity and remind us of our humanity. Because of their devotion to these timelessly important artistic disciplines, the arts remain an ongoing source of pride and achievement for our entire University. Our best in the arts is still yet to come.

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### About the cover

This issue's cover, shot by photographer Jeff Dow, highlights School of the Arts students and faculty outside the new Edna B. and Bruno Benna Foundation Atrium entry into Church Fine Arts off Virginia Street. The School of the Arts recently completed a \$4 million modernization project, funded by lead gifts from the Nell J. Redfield Foundation and the Benna Foundation, and will soon launch into a second phase of improvements and expansions.

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The \$4 million Act I campaign for the School of the Arts included improvements to the Nell J. Redfield Proscenium Theatre in the Church Fine Arts building on North Virginia Street, along with updated sound, lighting, rigging, raked seating and a new curtain.

or the past 20 years, University of Nevada, Reno alumnus Jim Rue '94 (theatre) has been building sets for country music stars like Luke Bryan and Garth Brooks, drawing upon the lessons he learned as a student at the School of the Arts.

"I couldn't have gotten the same training anywhere else," Rue says. "I was designing and building sets and doing lighting for productions the entire time I was a student. By the time I graduated, I was ready to walk right into a career in the industry."

On the other hand, alumna Karen Vibe '04 M.A. (music) is sometimes asked what a master's degree in classical music has to do with managing stocks and bonds.

"My answer is always, 'more than you realize!" says Vibe, a certified financial planner for Morgan Stanley in Reno and member of the Reno Philharmonic and the Reno Chamber Orchestra. "Managing stock portfolios seems to be a stretch from playing a musical instrument. Music and mathematics are often considered close cousins in the financial world, but few people realize all the similarities. Having the opportunity to get my master's degree at the University helped me to prepare for the life I wanted for myself."

Whether the goal is a career in the arts or the financial industry, the University's School of the Arts is helping students chart their own course to success. Through major support from the Nell J. Redfield Foundation and the Edna B. and Bruno Benna Foundation, the School recently completed a \$4 million modernization project and will soon launch into a second act

of improvements and expansions.

"A lack of adequate facilities has prevented growth in the arts at the University," says School of the Arts Director Larry Engstrom as he stands on the vast stage of the Nell J. Redfield Proscenium Theatre. "One of our primary goals when we formed the school in 2004 was to create a plan to both upgrade the quality and increase the size of our physical plant. It is very gratifying, indeed, to be standing here in the recently renovated theater."

The first phase of improvements, fittingly called Act I, is coming to a close. Finishing touches are being made to the new Edna B. and Bruno Benna Foundation Atrium entry to Church Fine Arts on Virginia Street, along with updated sound, lighting, rigging, raked seating and a new curtain for the Redfield



As part of the Act I fundraising campaign, the Front Door Gallery in Church Fine Arts on Virginia Street was refurbished and tiled to better display artwork. The school's expansion efforts now move into Act II, which involves the construction of a new building east of Church Fine Arts that will connect to the original space through a skywalk or bridge. The new building is proposed to include a 5,400-square-foot contemporary gallery that will deepen the school's ability to show museum-quality exhibitions.

Proscenium Theatre. The Front Door Gallery at Church Fine Arts has been refurbished and tiled to better display artwork. An expanded scene shop means students no longer have to use theater space to build sets. A new lighting lab allows students to train on the most up-to-date stage lighting equipment, formerly done in an ill-equipped small classroom.

The Nell J. Redfield Foundation made a \$2 million lead gift toward the project, with further substantial support from the Edna B. and Bruno Benna Foundation and additional generous donors.

"We are all very thankful for all of our donors who made this extensive transformation possible," Engstrom says.

Now the School's expansion efforts move into Act II, which involves the construction of a new building east of Church Fine Arts that will connect to the original space through a skywalk or bridge. The new building is proposed to include a 5,400-square-foot contemporary gallery; digital media spaces including a maker-space, electroacoustic lab and classroom; a new art critique space and six art faculty offices; a

4,000-square-foot instrumental rehearsal room and storage area; a 2,700-square-foot choral and opera rehearsal room; a recording studio;

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-Michelle Calica, Class of 2015

eight additional teaching studios and offices for music faculty; and music practice and rehearsal rooms.

Director of University Galleries Paul Baker

Prindle said the new gallery will create a flagship space for art that will deepen the school's ability to show museum-quality exhibitions.

"We want our community to be a place where people come to learn from art," Baker Prindle said. "With this amazing new space, our students won't have to cross a mountain range to see the art they're learning about in their art, psychology, history and chemistry classes. This new space will be a cultural destination and a community laboratory for connecting visual art with a bevy of academic disciplines."

One of the most compelling plans for the proposed new building is a 300-seat recital hall. The 5,372-square-foot hall will include a green room, a control room and storage space. Creation of a new recital hall would not only allow for an increase in the number of quality musical performances in the University and community, it would help ease the now-overbooked Nightingale Concert Hall schedule. With educational and performance events spread between the two venues, Nightingale would be more readily available to organiza-





Rebecca Kitchen '11 and Donald Mahoney '12, former dance minors at the School of the Arts, perform the 1909 ballet Les Sylphides, re-created by former faculty member Barbara Land, during a Fall Dance Concert.

tions requiring larger capacity.

"The world-class acoustics would provide an unparalleled performing and listening experience for musicians and music lovers in northern Nevada," Engstrom says. "Such an environment inspires students to perform at a higher quality and more productive level."

In the earliest days of the arts on campus, visual arts were taught in Quonset huts in a nearby neighborhood. Music belonged to the education department, and courses in speech and drama were occasionally taught within the English department. In 1955, the arts disciplines finally reached departmental status. In 1960, the new Church Fine Arts building provided the first unified physical space for students and faculty.

The Church Fine Arts Building was named after James Edward Church, professor of Latin, German, classical art and history at the University from 1892 to 1948. Church is most known for creating the first snow survey system, which is still in use today. Church also founded what is now the Nevada Museum of Art.

An addition in the mid-1980s created more classroom space, a concert hall, a gallery

exhibition area and a small theater, enabling greater attendance and participation in the arts by members of the community. The initial and subsequent investments in arts facilities were prompted by an increased demand for arts education within a growing university and by dedicated supporters in the community.

Today, the School of the Arts is home to three departments: theater and dance, music and art. Housed within the College of Liberal Arts, the school offers 51 degree programs and has more than 500 majors.

In addition to students pursuing arts majors, 4,000 additional students take arts courses each year, whether as minors, participants or to fulfill their curriculum arts credits.

"The school is extremely accessible to non-majors such as myself," says Michelle Calica, a senior marketing major and music minor. "Music and performance has played a huge role in my life since I was very young, so I was not willing to give that up coming into college. Arts education is a crucial element to a well-rounded education and Nevada provides a strong foundation to that education that students, majors or not, can take with them for the rest of their

careers," Calica adds.

Madalyn Tsugawa, a senior music major and painting minor, chose to attend this university in particular to study with its acclaimed music faculty.

"There were two faculty members in the music department with whom I wanted to work: Jason Altieri, conductor of the University of Nevada Orchestra, and Dmitri Atapine, assistant cello professor," Tsugawa says. "In high school, I played with Dr. Altieri in the Reno Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. He rekindled my love for music and opened up the music world for me.

"I saw Dr. Atapine play with the University Orchestra my junior year of high school," Tsugawa adds. "After watching the performance, I felt motivated to work harder at the cello. I was determined to come to the University to take lessons from Dr. Atapine, too. He has become a great friend and mentor."

There are approximately 110 faculty and staff at the School of Arts in a variety of fields, including ceramics, acting, violin performance and modern dance.

Peter Goin, chair of the Department of





LEFT: Comedy of Errors is performed by the Nevada Repertory Company, the University's resident theater troupe, in 2013. RIGHT: Farflung, a multimedia theater performance directed by Assistant Professor Susan Pfeffer and composed by Graham Flett, was performed in the Redfield Studio Theatre March 8.

Art and a Foundation Professor, says several exciting additions to the department are in the works. The department has added a new faculty member, Inge Bruggeman, who will develop a major initiative in a new area of specialization in graphic arts. The internationally renowned Black Rock Press will prepare a complementary minor in book arts, offering students a sought-after area of focus and professional study. And the new director of University Galleries, Baker Prindle, has initiated an outreach exhibition program that includes a new downtown gallery, Artspace.

Assistant Professor Rosie Trump says the recent improvements will impact students in the classroom and beyond.

"As a new faculty member, it's exciting to know we are providing students with educational experiences in top-notch facilities," Trump says. "Because of our theater upgrades, we can provide students with opportunities to learn, train and create that will directly translate into their pursuits after graduation.

"Bringing the dance students into the newly renovated Redfield Proscenium Theatre and seeing their faces light up when they see how the space has transformed is so thrilling," Trump adds.

Albert Lee, vocal professor and director of the Nevada Chamber Opera, says the University's Department of Music is an ideal environment to develop talented musicians, pointing to the department's small class sizes, accessible staff and faculty who perform nationally and internationally.

"It was in this type of environment that I trained as an undergraduate at the University

"We work very hard at breaking down the supposed barrier between the University and the community."

—School of the Arts Director Larry Engstrom

of Connecticut, and from there, was able to go on to study at Julliard, pursue a professional performance career, receive a terminal degree from Florida State University, and now I'm an assistant professor of voice and opera," Lee says. "The University of Nevada, Reno is the type of training ground capable of launching a wonderful career for the aspiring musician."

Stephanie Sant'Ambrogio, director of the Orchestral Career Studies Graduate Program and associate professor of violin and viola, says Nevada students can study a musical instrument at any level.

"From a graduate music student who can gain the skills to be prepared to take auditions for living-wage American orchestras, to a non-music major undergraduate student who can fulfill a life-long dream of learning how to play a musical instrument, the department has professors and graduate teaching assistants to teach at all levels," she says.

Acclaimed pianist Lorie Line '86 (music) studied piano under Professor Ely Haimowitz.

"Music is such a personal thing, and I think he truly cared about me and my future, and how I would fit in out there in the big world of entertainment," Line says. "He would pat me on the shoulder when I'd leave my lesson, and he always had a twinkle in his eye that clearly said, 'OK, I want you to practice more this week Lorie.' He expanded my world."

Alumna Nancy Rue '88 (theatre), an acclaimed children's author, enrolled in the School of the Arts when it was known as the Department of Speech and Theatre.

"My time there as a student was amazing, and I had no idea that most undergraduate





Assistant Professor Andrew Heglund (far left) with University of Nevada, Reno music students in the instrumental rehearsal room at Church Fine Arts. The second phase of the School of the Arts expansion project will include a 4,000-square-foot instrumental rehearsal room and storage area, a 2,700-square-foot choral and opera rehearsal room and a recording studio, among other additions.

theater programs didn't provide the kinds of opportunities I was getting," Rue says. "Not only did I have roles in four productions and work in costumes, stage management and backstage crew, but my husband (set designer Jim Rue '92) and I were able to launch the Nevada Children's Theater, with the cooperation of the department, while we were students. That just doesn't happen!"

Rue is working on an anti-bullying campaign called SO NOT OKAY, based on a trilogy of fiction books for tweens.

"Because of my experience at Nevada, I am able to coach kids to appear on stage and, more recently, develop scripts for videos," she says.

School of the Arts also functions as a busy hub for arts events and programs that serve the surrounding community as well.

Over the course of any given year, University students and faculty appear in more than 300 arts and cultural performances and presentations. The School of the Arts brings in more than 90 guest artists each year. In all, more than 35,000 people attended the school's concerts, shows and exhibitions last year.

"We work very hard at breaking down the

supposed barrier between the University and the community," Engstrom says.

Several of the school's programs bring national and international artists to campus for performances and residencies. The Performing Arts Series presents five shows per year.

The Sheppard Contemporary and University galleries exhibit the work of up-and-coming artists, as well as those of international reputation, including Polly Apfelbaum, Arturo Herrera, Ann Hamilton, Nicholas Kahn and Richard Selesnick, Sky Kim and others.

The annual Reno Jazz Festival draws almost 9,000 participants and more than 300 school groups from up to 10 states. It is one of the largest student-oriented jazz festivals in the world.

The Argenta Concert Series, organized and produced by Professor Dmitri Atapine and his wife, Professor Hyeyeon Park, has been successful in bringing to campus some of the finest classical chamber musicians in the country, including pianist Wu Han and cellist David Finckel. The series includes up to six concerts by out-of-town artists, and three concerts with the Argenta Trio, the University's professional chamber group-in-residence. The members

are Sant'Ambrogio, violin; Atapine, cello; and James Winn, piano.

The Department of Theatre and Dance produces four theatre productions and three dance concerts per year. In recent years, the resident Nevada Repertory Theatre shows have ranged from Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, to the musical Anything Goes, to the

contemporary multimedia theatre performance of Farflung.

From Nov. 22 to Dec. 7. the School of the Arts will present A Christmas Carol: The Musical, directed by Tony Award winner Adam

Cates, which will showcase the theater's new rigging system with flying ghosts and larger set pieces.

"It's a brand-new theater that occupies the same space," says Rob Gander, chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance. "Act I has elevated the theatre and dance program, as it provides a well-equipped arts laboratory for students to train in the performing arts, both on stage and behind the curtain." N

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# Arts and leisure in the Silver State Exhibit honors Nevada's entertainment history

by Deanna Hearn '75

ife in Nevada throughout its 150-year history was colorful in many aspects, not the least of which were the ways people found to entertain themselves. Nevadans created their own cultural scene, not only for residents but also for visitors, and the diversity of amusements crossed ethnic and economic boundaries, all with a bit of a western flavor.

"When the Lights Dim: Arts and Entertainment in Nevada" is the final of three exhibits commemorating Nevada's sesquicentennial at the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center. It showcases photographs, manuscripts, posters, sheet music and other items in Special Collections and University Archives that tell the Silver State's entertainment story.

"We're trying to show the range and variety of activities people enjoyed over the years," says Donnelyn Curtis, head of Special Collections and University Archives. "Everyone had something to enjoy. There was music, dance and theater, of course, but also rodeos, cowboy poetry, Chautauqua, magicians, lectures and circuses."



TOP LEFT PAGE: Louie's Jazz Band advertises a performance in the 1920s. Louie Rosasco, second from left, was the accordionist as well as the band leader. In one form or another, his bands played in many venues around the Reno area for decades. During the 1930s, he owned the Cocoanut Grove Dance Hall on North Virginia. LOWER LEFT PAGE: Nevada Repertory Company performing Guys and Dolls in March 1984. LOWER RIGHT: A parade honoring Charles A. Lindbergh's visit to Reno passes the Wigwam Theater, Sept. 19, 1927. Lindbergh and Reno Mayor E.E. Roberts are in the lead car. ABOVE: Cancan dancers for Wolves Frolics, 1930s. ABOVE RIGHT: An advertisement from the Wigwam Theater Ephemera Collection, 1919-26.

A portion of the exhibit is dedicated to a potpourri of entertainment venues and activities throughout various time periods at the University of Nevada, Reno.

"We also wanted to illustrate the diversity of cultural expression," Curtis says. "There were Paiute dances, jubilee singers and music for all tastes, including municipal bands, dance bands, opera and the symphony. Performances were often held in high schools and theaters as well as in casinos and clubs. Reno was a popular stop for traveling performers on a circuit."

Theater was important in Nevada mining towns, especially in Virginia City at Piper's Opera House. Local actors as well as troupes from different cities throughout the county



ALICE TEDDY

The Only Roller Skating Bear in the World. Alice is
Eight Years Old and Weighs 236 Pounds

### ALICE TEDDY AT THE WIGWAM

Alice Teddy will give a Special Matinee at the Wigwam on

Saturday Afternoon

when she will be glad to shake hands with all her little Reno friends

would put on melodramas, Shakespearean productions and plays based on Victorian literature.

"People were sometimes sitting on wooden boards in these theaters but they would be watching something sophisticated like a Shakespeare tragedy," Curtis says.

The exhibit is located on the third floor of the Knowledge Center and will run through Oct.

31, Nevada's official 150th birthday celebration.



#### LOOK ONLINE

For more information about Nevada's Sesquicentennial, visit www.nevada150.org

## Audience to participate in exciting 1860s reader's theater melodrama

As part of the Nevada 150 celebration on campus and in conjunction with the exhibit, "When the Lights Dim: Arts and Entertainment in Nevada," three University departments are bringing a fascinating reader's theater melodrama to the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center in October.

East of Lynne: A Story of Modern Life, abridged and adapted by David Fenimore of the Department of English, will keep people entertained with its intricate subplots, a seductive villain and a trusting, clueless heroine. Rob Gander, Department of Theatre and Dance chair, will direct the staged-reading production in which the audience is encouraged to participate by booing and hissing in appropriate places.

The play started out as an English

magazine serial from 1860-1861 and was published as a novel in 1861 by Ellen "Mrs. Henry" Wood. Though dismissed as immoral, sensationalist and even repulsive by the British literary establishment, its sales were phenomenal, selling 500,000 copies, and it was almost immediately adapted for the London and New York stages.

East Lynne was performed in Virginia City in 1863, the first of many times. Other performances of various adaptations of the play have been held in Carson City, Verdi, Ely and at least 18 times from 1870-1964 in Reno. According to a quote from the Nevada State Journal on Feb. 11, 1871, after the second performance in Reno, "People do not appreciate paying a dollar for the privilege of sitting on the soft side of a rough plank in a

poorly ventilated room even to witness the most interesting play put on the stage."

The performance in 1964 by Reno Little Theater for Nevada's centennial celebration claims to be the original version as it would have been performed 100 years earlier.

"I discovered an interesting bit of trivia about the play," says Donnelyn Curtis, head of Special Collections and University Archives at the Knowledge Center. "Actress Dawn Wells, a Reno native who played Mary Ann on the CBS sitcom *Gilligan's Island* in the 1960s, was in a performance of *East Lynne* as a college student at Stevens College in Missouri in 1957."

This free event begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23 in the Wells Fargo Auditorium at the Knowledge Center.















### **Honor Court Celebration**

The 2014 Honor Court Celebration, hosted by University of Nevada, Reno President Marc Johnson and the Foundation Board of Trustees, was held June 19 and recognized 52 new inductees who joined some 1,700 honorees already engraved on the granite pillars of the Honor Court. Dedicated in 1997, the Honor Court is a permanent tribute to the many students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends who are committed to the success of the University and the state of Nevada. Guest speakers included Senior

Scholar Brooks Klein '14 (community health sciences) and Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers.

- (1) Gargi Vig '72, '82 M.A., faculty emeritus Baldev Vig, faculty emeritus and Silver Benefactor Steve Jenkins, Kathie Jenkins, Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers and Foundation Professor Ian Buckle.
- **(2)** Event musicians Tyler Cravines, Zack Treran '09 and Tim Shaghoian '13.
- (3) Parley Anderson '93, '97 M.S., Senior Scholar Brooks Klein '14, Senior Scholar Mentor Nora Constantino '86 M.S.

and F. Donald Tibbitts Distinguished Teacher Dana Edberg '80, '89 M.S.

- (4) Kenneth Dupree, President's Medalist Delores Feemster, Alberta Redeford, Distinguished Service Award recipient Marsha Taylor Dupree '94 M.A.
- **(5)** College of Science Director of Development Char Hagemann, Rebecca Pennell, University Trustee Bill Pennell and University Trustee Opal Adams '85.
- (6) University Foundation Trustee Chair and Silver Benefactor Brett Coleman '84 and President Marc Johnson.
- (7) Silver Benefactors Don and Toni Weir '70.















### **Shake Table Lab Opening**

The country's largest and most versatile large-scale structures, earthquake/seismic engineering facility opened its doors June 24 with experiments already underway. Hosted by the College of Engineering, the grand opening honored the generous donors that made the project possible.

**(1)** Kelly Doyle '06, '08 M.S., coordinator at the Center for Civil Engineering Earthquake Research, showing visitors how they can measure the force of an "earthquake" they

create by jumping on a mat with the Make Your Own Earthquake Activity. A second exhibit of this project can be experienced at the Nevada Discovery Museum.

- **(2)** Bruce Douglas, founding director of the Large-Scale Structures Laboratory, and wife, Mary, with College of Engineering Dean Manos Maragakis.
- (3) David Sanders, professor of civil and environmental engineering, describes the novel design of the 70-foot long, 52-ton concrete bridge he and his team developed to test high magnitude earthquakes.
- **(4)** Stuart Feigin and Doni Howard.
- **(5)** Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers (right) with David and Deborah Richwood.
- (6) Bruce Douglas with President Emeritus Joe Crowley, Director of Center for Civil Engineering Earthquake Research lan Buckle and Civil and Environmental Engineering Professor Ahmad Itani after a demonstration of the 50-ton shake table. The lab conducts cutting-edge research to make the design and construction of buildings, bridges and industrial plants safer throughout the world.















### Newborn Screening Program Moves to Nevada

At an event marking the move of an important public health program to the Nevada campus Aug. 11, state leaders and University officials celebrated the creation of the Nevada Newborn Screening Program.

(1) Vice President for the Division of Health Sciences Thomas Schwenk, M.D., Mike Willden, chief of staff to Governor Sandoval, Director of Health and Human Services for the State of Nevada Romaine Gilliland and Executive Vice President and Provost Kevin Carman.

- (2) The team (pictured) of the Nevada Newborn Screening Lab will perform an estimated 1.8 million blood tests annually for Nevada newborns, allowing for early intervention against long-term disabilities.
- (3) School of Medicine Director of Development Christina Sarman M.A. '11, biomedical researcher Mick Hitchcock and Orvis School of Nursing Director Patsy Ruchala.
- **(4)** Director of the School of Community Health Sciences Trudy Larson, M.D.

### Reused + Recycled = Art Exhibit

The exhibit is the signature event of the Summer of Sustainability on the Nevada campus.

- (1) Dean of University Libraries Kathy Ray, Assistant Vice President for Research Mike Collopy and Jessica Gearhart, associate microbiologist, Truckee Meadows Water Authority.
- **(2)** University students display their work, Fossil Fuels 2014, made of repurposed cardboard and spray paint.
- (3) Bonnie Monteleone (third from left), an ocean researcher who turns the plastic debris she studies into modern art, mingles with Reno High senior Sierra Jickling and teachers Lauren Gandolfo and Mike Meinert.



















### **Wolf Pack Welcome Week**

Nevada welcomes the largest incoming class ever with festive Welcome Week activities.

- (1) New students are inducted as members of the University and sing the alma mater during a candlelight ceremony.
- (2) Students convene in the Gateway Plaza in front of the Joe for a free barbecue to celebrate the start of the new semester on Aug. 22.
- (3) Luna, Nevada's female wolf mascot, mingles with new

and returning students at the Wolf Pack Welcome Barbecue on Aug. 22.

- **(4)** Residence Life, Housing & Food Service sponsored the annual Residence Hall Move In on Aug. 21.
- **(5)** Two thousand and six hundred students moved into Nevada on-campus housing this year.
- **(6)** President Marc Johnson and Nevada Assistant Basketball Coach Zac Claus assist students moving into the dorms.
- (7) Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Doug Knuth serves

up warm pancakes to hungry students at the midnight Wolf it Down Pancake Breakfast Aug. 27.

(8) On the evening of Aug. 23, music, a bounce house and tons of glowing adornments made this year's Residence Hall Association Block Party a blast. Students gathered in the Nye-Canada Courtyard Plaza for an evening of fun socializing to ring in the new semester.

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# School of Medicine expands training programs in urban and rural Nevada

Looking at the requirement to provide more physician training opportunities in Nevada, the University of Nevada School of Medicine formed three partnerships with hospitals earlier this year to help meet that need.

In May, the School of Medicine and Renown Health announced approval of an initial five-year plan to benefit northern Nevadans and significantly increase the number of physicians who train and practice in Nevada. The recommendations of a joint steering committee included the creation of a formal affiliation agreement between both organizations and a joint leadership team to guide and oversee the implementation of new medical educational and research programs at the School of Medicine's Reno campus.

The Renown Health Board of Directors adopted the recommendations of the steering committee and committed \$5 million in funding over the next three years, but success in achieving any goals ultimately will depend upon funding from the State of Nevada, private

donors, grants and other sources of income available through the School of Medicine.

"The steering committee has been acutely aware of the extraordinary opportunity provided by this affiliation to transform medical care and medical education in northern Nevada through the creation of a full, four-year medical school campus and expanded student and resident teaching capacity," says Thomas L. Schwenk, M.D., School of Medicine dean. "We're committed to moving forward to implement new programs in ways that are ambitious, strategic and responsible."

In addition to Schwenk and Don Sibery, then-interim CEO of Renown Health, the steering committee included Nevada System of Higher Education Chancellor Daniel Klaich '72 (accounting), Board of Regents Chairman Kevin Page, Renown Health Board Chairman David Line and Renown Regional Medical Center Chair of the Board of Governors Blake Smith. Bruce James, president and CEO of Nevada New-Tech, Inc. and former National

Institutes of Health Advisory Board chairman, served as committee chairman.

The new president and chief executive officer of Renown Health, Anthony Slonim, M.D., has picked up where Sibery left off, with a full commitment to this partnership.

While the School of Medicine and Renown have had an affiliation to train internal medicine and family medicine residents for many years, this collaboration magnifies that relationship by expanding medical student teaching capacity in partnership with community physicians.

A month later, MountainView Hospital and the School of Medicine formally agreed to work toward the development of an expanded Graduate Medical Education (GME) program based at MountainView Hospital in Las Vegas.

The expected start of the first residency program at MountainView Hospital could be as early as July 2016.

Preliminary discussions have focused on training programs in critically needed primary





LEFT: Humboldt General Hospital in Winnemucca is the rural location for the School of Medicine's new rural family medicine residency training program. ABOVE: Aron Rogers, D.O., right, director of the rural family medicine residency training program, demonstrates Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics birthing techniques with Humboldt General Hospital emergency medical technicians, who sometimes have to deliver babies alongside Nevada's rural highways.

care areas of internal medicine, family medicine and geriatrics, as well as general surgery, urology, neurology and selected medical and surgical subspecialties. The total program size

of 150 additional resident positions, from the current 233 to 380 or more, will be developed over a five-year window.

"The announcement that MountainView Hospital and the University of Nevada School of Medicine have joined together to create an expanded GME program for Nevada is commendable," says Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval '86 (English). "I look forward to MountainView accepting its first residents and for the larger impact this will have on Nevada healthcare."

Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman says, "This is only going to help our state and is a

giant step toward our long-awaited goal of establishing an expanded, quality GME program in Nevada."

Chris Mowan, CEO of MountainView

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Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval '86

Hospital. "We want to help grow the pipeline of new physicians, and we want them to stay in our community. Offering medical students more options for their residency will keep more physicians in Nevada and assist as we continue to elevate patient care in our community."

Backed by research indicating that 60 percent

of medical residents who train in Nevada remain in state to practice, the School of Medicine opened a new rural family medicine residency training program this summer in Winnemucca.

"I am delighted to announce the initial accreditation of this program that is in collaboration with the Las Vegas family medicine department and Humboldt General Hospital in Winnemucca. This is truly an achievement of momentous proportions and a great example of the statewide nature of the school," says Miriam Bar-on, M.D., associate dean for graduate medical education.

The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medicine Education's Review Committee commended the new residency program for "its demonstrated substantial compliance with the ACGME's Institutional and/or program requirements for Graduate Medical Education without citations."

Elissa Palmer, M.D., chair of the Las Vegas family medicine department, says such a commendation is rare for initial accreditations, and credits the team effort among School of Medicine leadership, her department, the administration and staff of Humboldt General Hospital and community doctors in Winnemucca for the program's accreditation success.

Brad Granath, M.D., site director for the rural residency program at Humboldt General Hospital, says the need for the new program, which began on July 1, stems from the inability of the traditional family medicine residency model to produce doctors who are suited to practice in a rural setting, without convenient access to specialists commonly found in the metropolitan medical setting.

"Family doctors trained in the traditional manner become dependent on having a specialist immediately available to handle every problem," Granath explains, adding that this convenience is not possible in rural areas that often lack medical specialists.

The rural family medicine track model has been around for 30 years and has been dramatically more successful in training doctors for practice in a rural setting. Doctors have their first year at a metropolitan medical center receiving high volume specialty training, but then spend the final two years of their residency training with rural physicians.

—Susan Hill, APR, and Anne McMillin, APR, are part of the Marketing & Communications Office for the School of Medicine.

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### Signal Circle moving KUNR forward

In 2013, as KUNR celebrated 50 years of broadcasting from the University of Nevada, Reno, a new, vital high-level giving group was formed: the KUNR Signal Circle. Open to all station contributors, this opportunity received a tremendous response, surpassing its inaugural 50-member goal in honor of the station's anniversary. The KUNR Signal Circle is comprised of donors giving \$1,000 or more annually; many give more and some have made multi-year commitments.

It's impressive to see what a relatively small but growing group of dedicated donors can achieve when they come together in this way to support our longtime, local public radio station. The more than \$60,000 in Signal Circle contributions received this past year established the foundation for many of this year's successes. The Signal Circle funds were instrumental in KUNR's advancement with its new station website, kunr.org, expansion

KUNR morning host Danna O'Connor with Signal Circle members Jim and Deena Behnke at the Lake Tahoe Summerfest this year.

of local news staff and resources, regional arts coverage, program investment and updated broadcast technology.

For 2014, KUNR Signal Circle has a goal of assembling the Top 100 supporters of KUNR to achieve an impact of \$100,000 or more to further advance KUNR's work in the region to serve its listeners and the community.

"We extend our sincere and grateful appreciation to current KUNR Signal Circle members recognized here, and those who chose to remain anonymous," said General Manager David Stipech '85 (journalism). "KUNR's success is only possible with faithful contributors at all levels. We're proud and humbled by how much the station is valued, as reflected in the growing membership of the KUNR Signal Circle."

To learn more about the KUNR Signal Circle, please contact Stefanie Givens, assistant director of development, (775) 682-6056 or sgivens@kunr.org.

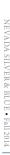
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NCED promotes access for all

The Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities (NCED) in the College of Education is a statewide program that works cooperatively with consumers, agencies and programs to assist Nevadans of all ages with disabilities to be independent and productive citizens who are included in their communities. The NCED is part of a national network of 67 other federally funded university centers on disabilities, at least one in each state and territory.

"We serve a wide audience that includes people with disabilities, their families, state and local government agencies and community providers," says NCED Director and University Professor Steve Rock. "Many issues—early intervention, health care, community-based services, inclusive and meaningful education, transition from school to work, employment, housing, assistive technology and transportation—have been positively impacted by the services provided

at NCED and at university centers throughout the country," Rock adds.

NCED projects include:

**Advocacy and family support:** Partners in Policymaking provides training in advocacy and systems change to parents and adult consumers with disabilities.

#### Assistive technology and accessibility:

Three NCED projects provide assessment, equipment, training and technical assistance in assistive technology, including the Nevada Assistive Technology Resource Center, the Assistive Technology Assessment Project and the American with Disabilities Act Nevada.

#### **Educating children with disabilities:**

The University Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment is a collaborative effort lead by the Department of Speech Pathology to provide interdisciplinary assessments for children with autism. Federally funded projects include training teachers to become board certified Path to Independence student Connor Fogal in his radio production class Sept. 2. He is assisted by educational coach Nicole Jackson and personal care assistant Kevin Richardson.

behavior analysts and preparing master's-level early childhood special education teachers. The NCED also conducts an annual statewide parent survey of Nevada Early Intervention Services and statewide support and coordination for the Nevada Department of Education training activities.

Employment and transition: The Customized Employment Project is a collaborative project among several state agencies and designed to help individuals with significant disabilities work in the community for at least a minimum wage. The project identifies the individual's passions, skills and interests and provides support when needed. Path to Independence (P2I) is a two-year, non-degree certificate program that offers an inclusive college experience for students with intellectual/developmental disabilities and emphasizes career and job skills.

Positive behavioral supports: Nevada Positive Behavioral Supports works with Nevada school districts to develop school-wide positive behavior support programs. Project personnel also provide training and technical assistance in working with individuals with challenging behavior.

Leadership preparation and disability awareness: The NCED offers an 18-credit undergraduate minor in development disabilities to students from a variety of majors. The Nevada Leadership Project in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities provides interdisciplinary training to graduate student and practicing professional from a variety of disciplines. In addition, NCED faculty members participate in a range of University and community disability awareness activities.

To learn more about supporting NCED and the College of Education, please contact Veronica Haskins, director of development, (775) 784-6914 or vhaskins@unr.edu.

To learn more about NCED, please visit www.nced.info.

-NCED Staff



## **Updated Arentz Center gives** Mackay students a leg up

At the Arentz Center for Student Success in the Paul Laxalt Mineral Engineering Center, students have a place to gather, study, use computers or just hang out with fellow Mackay

Roseann Keegan is an associate editor and senior writer for Development and Alumni Relations

School of Earth Sciences and Engineering students.

A recent renovation and renaming of the former Arentz Student Center, supported by Nevada's mining industry and friends of the Mackay School, has

improved the infrastructure and functionality of the space.

"The idea behind the remodel was to upgrade the center to provide more space for studying, meeting, relaxing and eating, and

as a place to showcase the work of Mackay students to prospective students and employers," says Katia Albright, coordinator of career development at the Mackay School.

Large pieces of furniture were replaced with modular work/meeting spaces and a reference area where students can see updates on career activities, scholarships, academic advisement and campuswide events. There is also information on companies that recruit at the Mackay School regularly and help for students to prepare for interviews. Barrick Gold Corporation also donated a large-screen monitor that allows the center to share webinars, market upcoming events and host career workshops.

"Overall, this remodel has infused a new functionality and capability to the student center and increased possible activities we can host," Albright says.

Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering students in the Arentz Center for Student Success. Formerly named the Arentz Student Center, the space was recently renovated through donor support.

Funding for the remodel was provided by Newmont Mining Corporation, Barrick Gold Corporation, Midway Gold Corp. and Nevada Copper Inc. Additional support was provided by Kappes, Cassiday & Associates; Mackay School Director Russ Fields '74 (geology), '85 MBA and his wife, Kathy; and Samuel S. Arentz III '68 (mining engineering) and family, who initially established the center in 2000 in honor of his grandfather, Samuel S. Arentz, and his father, Samuel S. Arentz, Jr. '34 (mining engineering). The center houses Samuel S. Arentz, Jr.'s library of U.S. Geological Survey reports, mining and metallurgy reports on Nevada and the United States, field notes and other minerals industry books.

"The center is a place where friendships are made and gives students a sense of belonging, thereby enhancing retention," says Elizabeth Ball '97 M.A. (counseling and educational psychology), coordinator of student recruitment.

To learn more about supporting the College of Science and the Mackay School, please contact Donna Knotek '12, assistant director of development, (775) 682-5952 or dknotek@ unr.edu.

### Karen Petroni '59 creates three new scholarship endowments

Motivated by the belief that an educated population is vital to the health of the state and nation, alumna Karen Petroni '59 (business) has established three new scholarship endowments at the University of Nevada,

"I want to help students in the fields of education, nursing and medicine, which are so necessary for the state's health and welfare," Petroni says.

The Karen Harvey Petroni Scholarship Endowments in education, nursing and

medicine will benefit undergraduate or graduate students who demonstrate financial need. In addition, preference for the education scholarship endowment will be for married women or single mothers.

Petroni is the daughter of Nevada graduates Marguerite '33 (business) and Daniel M. Harvey '34 (electrical engineering). Marguerite taught in Fernley. After Daniel's passing, Marguerite established the Col. Daniel M. Harvey Memorial Fund for Engineering.

For more information on planned giving



Karen Petroni '59 and University of Nevada School of Medicine Dean Thomas Schwenk, M.D.

opportunities, please contact Lisa M. Riley, Esq., director of the Office of Planned Giving, (775) 682-6017 or lriley@unr.edu.



# Alumni couple supports students at alma mater

John Jelavich '63 (economics) and Karin (Bryant) Jelavich '63 (social psychology) met as students on the University of Nevada, Reno campus. The couple married the same day they graduated from the University.

In gratitude to the alma mater that brought them together and gave them the tools for success, the couple has established the John Jelavich and Karin (Bryant) Jelavich Scholarship Endowment to support undergraduate John '63 and Karin Jelavich '63 in Helsinki, Finland.

students completing their degrees at the University.

In the years that followed graduation, John enjoyed a successful career in banking, while Karin dedicated her life to education as an elementary school teacher and later principal and superintendent for schools in Sutter County, Calif.

Most recently, John founded and served as president/CEO of River Valley Community Bank in Yuba City, Calif. He retired in April of this year and continues to serve on its board of directors. Karin is also now retired and the couple resides in Reno after living the past 50 years in California.

"We received an excellent education at Nevada and have fond memories," John says. "We are pleased to give back to the school that gave us so much."

To learn more about supporting scholarships at Nevada, please contact Lynda Buhlig '84, associate vice president of Development and Alumni Relations, (775) 682-6013 or lbuhlig@unr.edu.

# Scholarship endowment honors late John Marvel '51

A scholarship endowment for medical students from rural Nevada has been established through memorial gifts from friends and family in honor of the late John Marvel '51 (political science), an early supporter of the University of Nevada School of Medicine.

The Assemblyman John W. Marvel Medical Student Scholarship Endowment is named for one of the longest-serving members of the Nevada Legislature. Elected in 1978, he served 15 regular sessions and nine special sessions through 2008.

As a member of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, Marvel sought the

additional funds needed to support the University of Nevada School of Medicine. Dean Emeritus Robert Daugherty, M.D., describes Marvel, who passed away last year, as one of the founding fathers of the school.

"Without his support over the early years of the School of Medicine, we would not have the rural Area Health Education Center programs or the Nevada Health Service Corps," Daugherty says. "The coming together of the rural hospitals, the mining industry and individuals in rural Nevada to create a scholarship for a student from rural Nevada shows the continuing tremendous support of

rural Nevada for the school."

Jennifer Minor
'12 (neuroscience),
a third year medical
student, is the first
recipient of the scholarship endowment.
Born and raised on
her family's Angus
cattle ranch in Dayton, Nev., she will be
the first physician in
her family, and hopes
to return to Dayton
to practice medicine.



Jennifer Minor '12, a third-year student at the School of Medicine, is the first recipient of the Marvel Scholarship.

To learn more about supporting the School of Medicine, please contact Christina Sarman, director of development, (775) 784 -6009 or christinas@unr.edu.



### Human impact may cause Sierra Nevada to rise, increase seismicity

Like a detective story with twists and turns, University scientists are unfolding a story about the rapid uplift of the 400-mile long Sierra Nevada mountain range in California and Nevada.

The newest chapter of the research was published in the scientific journal Nature, and shows that draining of the aquifer for agricultural irrigation in California's Central Valley results in upward flexing of the earth's surface and the surrounding mountains due to the loss of mass within the valley. The groundwater subsidence was found to also correlate with seismic activity on the San Andreas Fault.

"We first wrote two years ago about the rapid rise of the Sierra, with its 14,000-foot peaks in the south and 10,000-foot peaks at Lake Tahoe, moving as much as 1 to 3 millimeters per year," said Professor Geoff Blewitt of the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, a division of the College of Science. "The puzzling results of our earlier research cannot be explained easily by geology alone. We've now found that a reason for the rapid uplift may be linked to human activity."

Over the past 150 years, around 40 trillion gallons of groundwater in California's Central Valley has been lost through pumping, irrigation and evapotranspiration. That is roughly equal to all the water in Lake Tahoe, the volume of which can cover the entire state of California in 14 inches of water.

"This massive withdrawal of water has relieved pressure on the Earth's crust, which is now rebounding upwards in response," Blewitt said. "This is counter-intuitive to most people, even geologists, who tend to only think that water withdrawal causes subsidence, which is only true in the sediments of the valley from which the water is withdrawn. With the weight of the groundwater missing, the hard-rock crust under the valley is actually rising too."

The rise is quite fast in geologic time, with these mountain ranges rising by a similar amount each year — about the thickness of a dime — and with a cumulative rise over the past 150 years of up to 6 inches, according to calculations by the team of geophysicists.

Blewitt and colleague Bill Hammond, who run the University's Nevada Geodetic Laboratory, partnered with scientists at the University of Western Washington, University of California, Berkeley and University of Ottawa in

Hammond and Blewitt use data from their lab and its GPS Network, the largest GPS data-processing center in the world, able to continuously process information from about 12,000 stations around the globe, including more than 1,200 stations from the NSF EarthScope Plate Boundary Observatory as well as stations in space. The space-based radar data comes from the European Space Agency with support from NASA.

-Mike Wolterbeek '02

Signs on the pole show the approximate altitude of land surface in 1925, 1955 and 1977 in the San Joaquin Valley southwest of Mendota, California. Research now shows that groundwater depletion has contributed to this subsidence and the rapid uplift of the Sierra Nevada mountains and the California Coast Range.



# NevadaFIT boot camp prepares freshmen for success

The transition from high school to college can be daunting, but 400 incoming freshmen are better prepared for the challenge ahead after taking a five-day boot camp that had them studying, taking classes and exams, attending lectures and working in labs from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The boot camp, an intensive academic preparation program named NevadaFIT, was offered the week before the academic year started and extended a glimpse into the University's rigorous academic expectations and the time demands of college life. The optional program may sound grueling, but it is actually designed to help students more easily make the transition.

NevadaFIT, where FIT stands for freshman intensive transition, is not a remedial program

meant for students to catch-up to college level. Rather, it is about learning how to be successful in college.

NevadaFIT includes eight separate boot camps spanning the breadth of the University, from atmospheric sciences to veterinary science, from engineering to neuroscience, from biotechnology to journalism. They all use the same basic program concept, although customized for each college. The program was expanded on campus this year after the success of BioFIT conducted for incoming biology majors last year.

"Academic boot camps dramatically increase academic performance and student success rates," said Kevin Carman, executive vice president and provost, who helped pioneer the nation's first freshman intensive training

Study habits, time management and even financial management were topics introduced to students in the NevadaFIT academic boot camp prior to the start of the semester.

program at Louisiana State University. "It's exciting to see these students recognize and embrace the hard work needed to be successful. Students who go through boot camp are twice as likely to graduate in their major. We give them tools for success."

A typical day of the program started with 7:30 a.m. breakfast, then a lecture followed by a lab class, lunch, study session and an exam. After a writing study session, the students had dinner, another lecture and exam discussion. Throughout their busy schedules, the students also attended sessions to help them understand note taking and learning styles, how to deal with stress and test anxiety, as well as academic integrity and decision making.

-Mike Wolterbeek '02





# K-12 outreach: Campus camps extend learning and summer fun

They flew mini-copters and explored aeronautics. They learned about computer programming, 3D modeling and computer graphics. They honed athletic skills and musical abilities. They gained familiarity with and confidence in a college setting and classrooms.

Each summer the University of Nevada, Reno hosts thousands of K-12 students in a wide variety of summer camps, from sports camps hosted by Wolf Pack Athletics, to academically oriented camps hosted by many of the colleges, to Kids U, a series of week-long sessions of programs and activities to energize kids' minds and bodies.

Two programs in particular create an experi-

ence that helps low-income, first-generation middle- and high-school students stay on the path to higher education and career readiness. The Upward Bound and Dean's Future Scholars programs have year-round program elements, and both programs expand to include comprehensive summer camps.

"This program provides kids who don't otherwise have the resources to attend summer camps with the opportunity to live on a college campus and get a summer-camp experience," Ellen Houston '96 (journalism), '05 M.A. (counseling and education), director of Upward Bound programs, said of the rigorous, fiveweek summer academy for 14- to 17- year-old

DigiGirlz Day, hosted by Microsoft Reno on campus, inspired young girls to explore technology-based careers. More than 150 middle- and high-school girls representing more than 50 northern Nevada schools participated.

high school sophomores, juniors and seniors from six target high schools in Washoe and Lyon counties. "Our students get ahead of the curve, do well in school, graduate and matriculate to higher education."

An outreach program of the University's College of Education, Dean's Future Scholars (DFS) is in its 14th year of serving the goal to increase the number of low-income, first-generation students graduating from high school, gaining access to higher education, and entering a career in education.

"Math is a big focus for us because we know a lot of these kids need help in this area, and research indicates that math-course-taking patterns are a major predictor of college enrollment and persistence," said Mariluz Garcia, DFS director. "Our goal is to get them ahead and show them what they can achieve with a solid support system in place."

—Jane Tors '83

# Exposure to books at home is key to academic performance

A 42-nation University of Nevada, Reno research study shows the number of books in a child's home is a key factor in academic performance.

Mariah Evans, professor of sociology in the University's College of Liberal Arts and Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station, along with colleagues Jonathan Kelley and Joanna Sikora, examined the relationship of standardized reading-test scores to the number of books a family has in their home library.

For years, educators have thought the strongest predictor of attaining high levels of education was having parents who were highly educated. Evans, also a faculty member of the Interdisciplinary Program

in Social Psychology, and coordinator of the Applied Statistics Program, released a study in 2010, which statistically analyzed 27 nations and found "home library size has a very substantial effect on educational attainment." Moreover, the effect was strongest for children whose parents had very little education.

In the newly released article in the social research journal Social Forces, "Scholarly Culture and Academic Performance in 42 Nations," (published by Oxford University Press), Evans and her colleagues, who are with the International Survey Center and the Australian National University, find a key aspect of scholarly culture, the number of books in the family home, exerts a strong influence on academic performance.



Research led by Professor of Sociology Mariah Evans indicates books are especially impactful for children in disadvantaged homes.

"Regardless of how many books the family already has, each addition to the home library helps children do better (on the standardized test)," Evans said.

-Natalie Savidge '04



The Department of Psychology team of Ryan Mruczek, Christopher Blair and Gideon Caplovitz won Best Illusion of the Year at the 10th annual international contest. Caplovitz, an associate professor, has helped earn a top-10 spot for a University-submitted illusion in three of the last four years.

### Much more than just an illusion

Before a crowd of more than a thousand, graduate psychology student Christopher Blair represented the University and presented the Dynamic Ebbinghaus illusion at the 10th annual Best Illusion of the Year Contest hosted by the Neural Correlate Society in St. Petersburg, Fla. His illusion took the top prize.

Visual illusions contribute to the understanding of the basic mechanisms of sensory perception. The Dynamic Ebbinghaus illusion begins with a static image of a circle surrounded by a set of circles. The image is transformed into a moving display and, as it moves, it appears the center circle changes size, though it does not. Blair worked on this illusion for more than a year under the guidance of Assistant Professor of Psychology Gideon Caplovitz and Faculty Research Scientist Ryan Mruczek in the Department of Psychology. Caplovitz helped earn a top-10 spot for University-submitted illusions in three of the last four years and earned third place in 2006.

"The mission of the contest is to highlight the role of illusions in the study of visual perception and the visual brain, and to create a bridge from our research to the general public," Caplovitz said.

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To view the illusion: visit http:// www.unr.edu/ silverandblue

-Annie Conway, Class of 2015

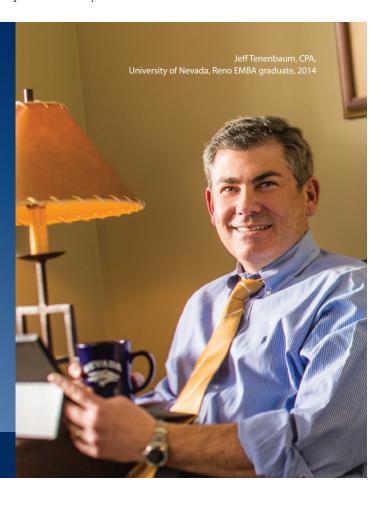
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### International mountain-ecosystem scientists convene at University

More than 170 scientists from Asia, Europe, Africa, South America and the United States came to Reno in July to discuss mountain environments, with the goal to move toward a more comprehensive global mountain observation network. The University was selected to host the conference because of its tradition of field work and research, innovative observation systems established by faculty, and the region's variety of ecological and social interactions.

"The importance of mountain environment systems drives our economy from Lake Tahoe to Pyramid Lake, just like it does in communities around the world," said University Executive Vice President and Provost Kevin Carman at the conference. "Monitoring the snowpack, for example, is imperative to knowing how much water we have, which is true in all mountain areas around the world."

One could say environmental monitoring on a large scale started in 1905, on the flanks of the 10,700-foot elevation Mt. Rose, with the first snow survey system created by University Professor James Edward Church to determine how much water the snow run-off would supply to Reno and northern Nevada. Because his survey method extended across the Sierra, it helped forecast water for domestic uses and the important agricultural industry in California's Central Valley. Today, use of his survey method continues across the Sierra and around the world.

"Mountain Observatories-A Global Fair and Workshop on Long-Term Observing Systems of Mountain Social-Ecological Systems" This tower is part of the NevCAN system operated by the University with partners University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Desert Research Institute. The network includes a dozen monitoring stations in Nevada with the



capability to detect, analyze and model effects of climate change on landscapes, ecosystems and water resources. INSET: James Edward Church, University professor, 1892 - 1948.

was organized by the Mountain Research Initiative at the Institute of Geography in Switzerland, in partnership with the University's Extended Studies program and the DendroLab run by Franco Biondi, professor of geography at the University and conference co-organizer.

-Mike Wolterbeek '02



Tod Colegrove '89, '92 M.S., '99 Ph.D., director of the University's DeLaMare Library, explains the capabilities of the new 3D printer.

# One of the most interesting makerspaces in America

The University's DeLaMare Science and Engineering Library is leading the way in creating a new example of the makerspace, an area that appeals to the spirit of invention by providing tools and resources for people to discover, create, design, model, engineer and learn. DeLaMare's makerspace was recently named one of the most interesting in America by *Make Magazine*.

"To be recognized alongside other pioneering and forward-thinking makerspaces at some of the nation's most innovative institutions and communities is truly commendable," Mridul Gautam, the University's vice president for research and innovation, said. "The DeLa-Mare has become a model for others to follow."

This summer, the staff at DeLaMare rearranged the ground floor of the library in the Mackay School of Mines building to make the space even more functional as a makerspace. It offers zones of self-directed learning and offers a variety of software and 3D printing technology to inspire creativity and engineering. Google Glass and Lego kits are available, as are Arduinos, tools that develop interactive objects and are open-source physical computing platforms, and Raspberry Pi, a small computer that allows people to learn how to program in languages such as Scratch and Python.

Two student 3D "wranglers" are available by appointment to assist with the 3D printers or to trouble-shoot problems.

-Annie Conway, Class of 2015

### Faces on the Ouad



**Gemma Beltran** was one of 28 GEAR UP alumni selected from across the country to participate in the national GEAR UP Alumni Leadership Academy this past summer. The group traveled to Washington, D.C. where they experienced Capitol Hill and received leadership training. Beltran graduated from Wooster High School in 2012 and earned more than \$30,000 in scholarships, including a Nevada State GEAR UP scholarship. A first-generation student and biology major who seeks ways to give back to her schools and community, Beltran said, "GEAR UP gave me an opportunity; it

has helped me pursue my dream of going to college."

**Jake Pereira** is president of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN) for 2014-15. Originally from northern Idaho, Pereira has found a passion for all-things Nevada since moving to Reno. He has fulfilled various student-leadership roles, including serving as the director of traditions for ASUN and president of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and has represented students on various committees. Pereira believes a strong connection between the University and the City of Reno is crucial to an enriched college experience. In his free time, Pereira loves to hike, snowboard and spend time at Lake Tahoe.





**RJ Boyajian '14** M.A. (political science) is continuing as president of the Graduate Student Association (GSA) for 2014-15. This second term as president marks her fourth year as a representative on the GSA council. Boyajian is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Political Science where she recently earned a master's degree. Her research explores the relationship between education policy and democratic stability in the developing world. Additionally, she has a master's degree in international business administration and a master's degree in global leadership from the

University of San Diego. Before graduate school, Boyajian ran her own consulting company and specialized in marketing, strategy and program management. Her business took her all over the United States and to three other continents.

**Miwako Schlageter** and **Nolan Nicholson**, both honors students and seniors, were awarded a U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship to study critical-needs languages this past summer. Schlageter spent nearly 10 weeks in Japan and Nicholson spent the same amount of time in China. Schageter is pursuing dual degrees in international business and marketing with a minor in Japanese studies. She has





worked as a career mentor for the University's Nevada Career Studio and is an Honors Program ambassador. She previously worked for Circle K International, promoting leadership development, education and community service. She hopes to align her interests in global marketing and the Japanese culture. Nicholson will graduate in May with a degree in chemical engineering and a minor in business administration. The Douglas High School graduate was awarded a full-tuition scholarship to the University as a National Merit Scholar. Nicholson is an intern for the University's Technology Transfer Office and is a University Innovation Fellow, studying the innovation and entrepreneurship landscape of the University. Nicholson wants to gain experience in chemical engineering, explore the applications of nanotechnology and one day start a high-tech company.



### Grad-student team has winning plan for battery business

There are more and more uses for lithiumion batteries, and a University graduate-student team's winning business plan focuses on this emerging business trend. The team behind Dragonfly Energy won first place and \$30,000 in the graduate level of the annual Donald W. Reynolds Tri-State Governor's Cup.

The Tri-State Governor's Cup, funded largely by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, is a collegiate business-plan competition

that brings together Nevada, Arkansas and Oklahoma graduate and undergraduate business students to compete.

The team of College of Business Executive MBA students Denis Phares and Sean Nichols '10, along with mechanical engineering doctoral student Justin Ferranto '06 M.S. and faculty mentor Matt Westfield, was the first team from Nevada to win the tri-state competition. They earned an additional \$2,000 for winning

Mechanical Engineering doctoral student Justin Ferranto '06 M.S., Executive MBA students Denis Phares and Sean Nichols '10, and Faculty Adviser Matt Westfield proudly displayed their award at the 2014 Tri-State Governor's Cup Competition in Las Vegas.

the 90-second elevator pitch.

The business plan for Dragonfly Energy, an active Reno-based company, concentrates on the process to streamline the manufacturing of lithium-ion batteries to reduce manufacturing costs by 50 percent. The team was a finalist in the University's Sontag Entrepreneurship Competition in March and came in second in the Nevada's Governor's Cup Graduate School competition in April, qualifying them to move on to the Tri-State Governor's Cup.

-Annie Conway, Class of 2015





### Caring for our iconic campus trees

The Quad has long been considered the historic heart of the University of Nevada, Reno campus, and its tree canopy is one of the landmark's most distinguishing characteristics.

With an eye toward preserving the beauty of the Quad and its tree canopy for future generations, a committee with representatives from faculty, staff, students and the Alumni Association joined with the Facilities Services Department last year to explore key questions. What is the projected lifespan of the Quad's iconic elm trees? What actions should be taken today to extend their health? Should long-term planning for the next generation of trees begin?

The central finding of the effort was good news: Many of the Quad's trees have the potential to live another 100 years with proper management.

The Quad-tree assessment and planning project was completed with Design Workshop, a landscape architecture and urban design firm in Stateline, Nev., and involved James Urban, one of the country's leading urban foresters. All involved were understandably happy to learn the elms, on the Quad in particular, are doing well and are expected to continue to live for decades with the right care and management. Throughout the entire campus, only eight trees were noted as being in precarious health.

The foresight of the original designers in understanding soil and drainage needs of the trees and turf has contributed to the continued health of the trees.

The John Mackay statue was unveiled on the newly created Quad during the June 10, 1908 dedication ceremony for the Mackay School of Mines.

"Apparently, they brought in pretty good soil in the beginning," said Raymond Needham '05 (general studies), coordinator of the Scheduling Services Department who has served on the University's Arboretum Board for 13 years and as the board's chair for six. "They planted cottonwoods, which are native and fast-growing, then a few years later they interplanted elms, which are longer lived and look better in older age. The cottonwoods were eventually removed to give more growing space to the elms since it would have been far too crowded with all those trees."

Efforts to augment and improve the soil conditions on the Quad have been renewed in recent years with the annual application of an organic solution to reseed and fertilize. Newer, environmentally sensitive pruning practices and equipment are now being utilized as well.

The Arboretum Board and Facilities Services partnered on another tree-friendly initiative this year. As part of the demolition of the Getchell Building, many trees originally planted around the building were removed and saved. In April, five Columnar Maples from the Getchell site—each roughly 40-feet tall—were replanted on the southeast side of Lawlor Events Center.

—Deanna Hearn '75

### Top tier, record enrollment for University of Nevada

The University of Nevada, Reno entered its fourth week of the fall semester with some very good news: Enrollment is at all-time high and the University is again ranked in the top tier of "best national universities" by *U.S. News and World Report.* 

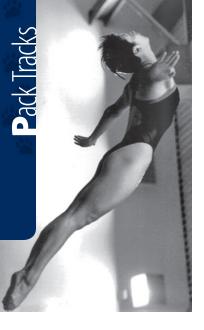
Of the nation's thousands of universities and colleges, *U.S. News* surveys more than 1,600 through its ranking process. Schools in *U.S. News*' "best national universities" category offer a full range of undergraduate majors, masters and doctoral degrees and are committed to a productive research program.

The University of Nevada, Reno ranks No. 110 among the "top public schools." In addition to the University's overall ranking, the College of Engineering and the College of Business are again ranked among the "best colleges" in this year's survey of undergraduate programs.

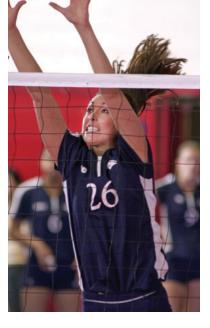
In addition to the positive national rankings, overall student enrollment is 19,954, up 6.2 percent from last fall's 18,776. New freshman enrollment is up almost 10 percent, and the University has seen a more than 14 percent increase in students of color.



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Photos courtesy Wolf Pack Athletics

# Nevada inducts Athletics Hall of Fame class

The 1990 Wolf Pack football team, two football standouts, an All-American diver and a volleyball player who led the Pack to two NCAA appearances comprise the 2014 Nevada Athletics Hall of Fame class.

The 1990 football team, inducted Sept. 4-5,

Pack Tracks stories by Rhonda Lundin Bennett, associate athletics director for communications is just the third team to be inducted since the inception of the Hall of Fame in 1973. Also in the class are linebacker/ defensive end Jorge Cordova '10 (general studies), running back

Chance Kretschmer '04 (general studies), diver Lang Rao and volleyball player Michelle More Williams '05 (management).

"This is a terrific Hall of Fame class that represents so much of our great tradition here at Nevada," said Athletics Director Doug Knuth.

# 2014 Nevada Hall of Fame Inductees

#### 1990 Football Team

The Wolf Pack won the 1990 Big Sky Conference championship with a 7-1 record as part of a 13-2 season. The team advanced to the championship game of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs, posting back-to-back triple-overtime victories over Furman and Boise State and falling just short of the national championship with a 36-13 loss to Georgia Southern. The Wolf Pack set the school record for victories in a season, which has since been matched by the 2010 team.

#### Jorge Cordova '10 – Football (2000-03)

Jorge Cordova was a four-year starter for the Wolf Pack, spending two seasons at linebacker and two at defensive end. He earned first-team All-WAC honors on the defensive line and won the team's Golden Helmet Award as MVP in 2003. A three-year co-captain, he was also Nevada's Outstanding Defensive Player in 2000 and 2002. Cordova led the WAC in sacks in 2002 with 8.5 for 69 yards and holds the Nevada career record for sacks with 31. He was taken in the third round of the 2004 NFL draft by the Jacksonville Jaguars. He was bothered by injuries but made his first NFL start in 2006 and played in 13 games with the Jaguars that season.

#### Chance Kretschmer '04 – Football (2001-04)

Running back Chance Kretschmer became just the second freshman ever to lead the nation in rushing when he did so in 2001 with a then-school record 1,732 yards (Marshall Faulk was the other in 1991). He was the WAC Freshman of the Year in 2001. He earned first-team All-WAC honors in 2001 and second-team All-WAC honors in 2003. He was named the Golden Helmet Award as team MVP in 2001 and was the team Offensive Player of the Year in 2003. Kretschmer holds the top single-game performance in school history with 327 rushing yards vs. the University of Texas at El Paso in 2001 and scored six touchdowns in that game, which is tied for first all-time at Nevada.

### Michelle More Williams '05 – Volleyball (1999-2002)

A first-team All-WAC honoree in 2001 and 2002, Michelle More Williams helped the Wolf

Pack to NCAA appearances in 2001 and 2002. She was the first Wolf Pack player to be named to the American Volleyball Coaches' All-West Region squad in 2002. She also earned Big West freshman team honors in 1999 and was a second-team All-WAC selection in 2000. Williams became the first Pack player to surpass 500 kills in a season and set the school single-season record with 570. Her 668.5 points as a senior are still the school record. She held all three Nevada career block marks upon her graduation and still ranks in the top three. In all, her name appears in the Nevada record book 20 times. She went on to star on the AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour with 2011 Nevada Hall of Fame inductee Suzanne Stonebarger Barnes '03 (speech com-

Lang Rao, Chance Kretschmer '04, Michelle More Williams '05 and Jorge Cordova '10.

#### **Lang Rao** – *Swimming & Diving (1997-99)*

Three-time NCAA All-American Lang Rao won four individual Big West championships during her career, sweeping the 1-meter and 3-meter springboard diving titles in both of her years at Nevada. She set Big West Conference records in both events and helped Nevada to Big West Conference championships in 1998 and 1999. She finished second and earned All-America honors in the 1-meter springboard at the 1999 NCAA Championships. She also earned two All-America certificates at the 1998 NCAA Championships, finishing fourth in the 1-meter and fifth in the 3-meter. She went undefeated in dual and Big West Conference meets in 1998.



## **Wolf Pack alumna wins Emmy as part of Mountain West Network**

Katie Cavender'05 (journalism), assistant commissioner for strategic communications at the Mountain West Conference, was awarded a regional Emmy for her work on the Mountain West Network.

The Mountain West Network was recognized for its technical achievement after receiving a 2014 Emmy Award in July through the Heartland Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

The Mountain West Network, powered by Campus Insiders and utilizing Volar Video's revolutionary production solution, provides on-demand video content, as well as broadcasts an unprecedented number of live events from the league's 18 sports. Since its launch in October 2012, the Mountain West Network has provided fans more than

1,100 on-demand videos, while also live-streaming more than 1,500 events, including select onference championships. More than 15.1 million unique viewers from 134 countries have tuned into MWN content in the past



Katie Cavender '05 accepts her Emmy.

Mountain West Network content is available at no cost to viewers and is accessible on multiple devices, including desktop and laptop computers, smartphones and tablets. Fans can also download the official mobile application of the Mountain West on their iPhone,

Founded in 1947, the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and the Emmy Award stand for the best in the television industry. The National Academy is the only nonprofit organization dedicated to recognizing outstanding achievement, raising industry standards and improving the quality of television.

iPod Touch, iPad and Android devices.

- The Mountain West Conference and the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences contributed to this report.

### **Gardner, Whalen to receive inaugural Silver and Blue Service Award**

Brian Whalen '57 (civil engineering) and Jim Gardner '60 (mechanical engineering) are the inaugural winners of Nevada Athletics' Silver and Blue Service Award.

The Silver and Blue Service Award honors individuals who have volunteered their time and efforts in all support areas to help Wolf Pack Athletics over the years. Any person who has volunteered in any capacity is eligible for this award. The awards were

presented to Whalen and Gardner as part of Nevada's Hall of Fame Weekend Sept. 4-5.

A member of the Wolf Pack baseball and boxing team in the 1950s, Gardner volunteered as the official timekeeper at Nevada basketball games for over 32 years. The former president and CEO of Gardner Engineering and Gardner Mechanical Services is a longtime donor to the University of Nevada, Reno and has held basketball

and football season tickets for more than 35 years.

Whalen played on the Nevada baseball and basketball teams in the 1950s and went on to spend 34 years volunteering his time as the scoreboard operator at Wolf Pack basketball games. Whalen worked in facility services on campus for 38 years, including 22 years as a vice president. A longtime donor and supporter of the University and Wolf Pack Athletics, he was instrumental in the construction of additional restroom and elevator facilities at Mackay Stadium.



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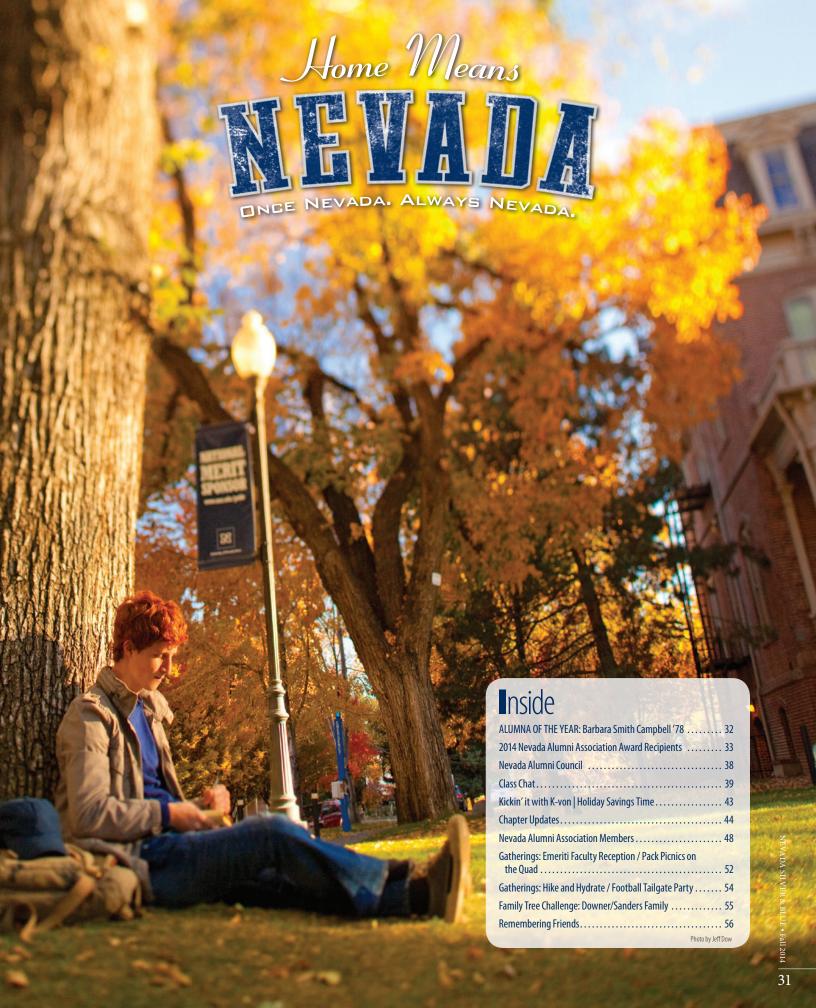
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All tailgate parties begin two hours prior to kickoff in Legacy Hall, located on the southwest side of Mackay Stadium.



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Barbara Smith Campbell '78

### ALUMNA OF THE YEAR:

# **Barbara Smith Campbell '78**

"Put your head down and work hard." Those words have guided Barbara Smith Campbell '78 (economics) from her time as a 29-year-old pregnant wife and mother completing her college degree, through her many years as a career professional moving through the ranks of the construction and development sector of the state's gaming industry, and through countless miles in the sky commuting between Reno, Las Vegas, Detroit and Tunica, Miss., for work.

Not surprisingly, Barbara's hard work has paid off in spades. She was named the 2014 Alumnus of the Year by the Nevada Alumni Association in recognition of her many years of dedication to the University of Nevada, Reno, the community and the state. This year, the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation made a million dollar gift to the University to establish a professorship at the College of Business in honor of her years of service on the foundation's board (see story on page 57).

Barbara's gumption came at an early age.

A horseback riding accident at 14 left her with extensive injuries and in a full-body cast for 11 months. She didn't walk on her own until

"That time in my life certainly taught me that things may not always come easily. Patience is not my strongest virtue, but perseverance may very well be," she says.

Today, Barbara is principal of Consensus LLC, a consulting firm providing strategic tax planning for businesses located or planning to locate in the state of Nevada. She has a total of 28 years of state and local government tax expertise.

Prior to starting Consensus LLC, Barbara served as board chair of the Nevada Tax Commission. She was first appointed by Gov. Richard Bryan'59 (prelegal) and subsequently by Gov. Bob Miller and Gov. Kenny Guinn. During her tenure on the commission, she was also director of finance for Mandalay Development, a subsidiary of Mandalay Resort Group. After the company's merger with MGM Mirage, she became vice president of finance for MGM Grand Resorts Development.

She is a gubernatorial appointee and chair of the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange, which implemented the Affordable Care Act in Nevada. She also serves as a community board member for St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, and is on the board of directors of the publicly traded American Pacific Corporation, prior to the company going private.

Additional board positions include audit committee chair for Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco; advisory board member of AMERCO, the parent company of U-Haul International; immediate past board chair of the Nevada Taxpayers Association; and three terms as board member for the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Board of Trustees.

She has also served on the boards of the KNPB Channel 5, Bishop Manogue Catholic School, Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Northern Nevada, the Nevada Women's Fund, Council for the National Judicial College and Regional Water Planning Advisory Board.

-Roseann Keegan

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### **2014** Nevada Alumni Association Award Recipients

## Professional Achievement

# Ronald J. "R.J." Bath '68 (management), '71 MBA

R.J. Bath earned his bachelor's and MBA from the University of Nevada, Reno. As a student, he enlisted in the Nevada Air Na-



tional Guard. Upon graduation, R.J. attended the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, and then returned to Reno to practice law for the next 15 years.

In 1989, R.J. was recalled to active duty for Operation Desert Shield/Storm. His numerous assignments included the Pentagon, the Commission on Roles and Missions of the Armed Forces, director of United States Air Force (USAF) Strategic Planning, and the USAF world-wide director of the 2005 Quadrennial Defense Review.

R.J. retired in 2006 at the rank of major general and returned to Reno to active civic life. He currently is the vice chairman/treasurer of the Nevada Military Support Alliance, and serves on Nevada's College of Science Dean's Advisory Council, the President's Legislative and Strategic Advisory Board, the City of Reno Anti-Graffiti Task Force, the Police Chief's Citizen's Advisory Board, the Governor's Military Base Realignment and Closure Council, and he is a Nevada representative on the Southwest Defense Alliance.

R.J. and his wife, Barbara, have been married since 1973 and have one daughter, Veronika.

# Raymond P. Davis '71 (accounting), '91 MBA

Ray Davis, president and CEO of Umpqua Holdings Corporation, has been instrumen-



tal in the unique strategy that has driven Umpqua Bank's rapid growth. Since joining Umpqua Bank in 1994, Ray has grown the bank from six banking locations and \$140 million in assets to more than 350 branches and \$22 billion in assets.

Ray chronicled Umpqua's path to expansion in his book, Leading for Growth: How Umpqua Bank Got Cool and Created a Culture of Greatness, which has been praised by business publications and leaders alike for its clear-cut take on innovation and leadership. His second book, Leading through Uncertainty: How Umpqua Bank Emerged from the Great Recession Better and Stronger than Ever, was published in November 2013.

### Doris A. Sinofsky '49 (journalism)

Doris Sinofsky earned her degree from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1949 and had a long and rewarding career as an educator. Since



retirement, Doris has been able to pursue her original passion, journalism, through her work with a TV station and monthly newspaper at her independent living community in New Jersey. She fondly recalls an important lesson from her journalism classes at Nevada, "always be honest and tell a good story." Doris stays active and busy, and her positive outlook on life and love for her family affords her good health and pride in the work she continues to perform.

### **University Service**

#### Theodore J. "T.J." Day (posthumously awarded)

A successful Nevada businessman, T.J. Day was greatly admired as a man of his word and who generously



gave of himself to improve the lives of others. T.J. moved to Reno in 1978 and immediately became involved in the community. A charter board member of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, T.J. received the University of Nevada President's Medal in 2000 and the Dean's Award for the University of Nevada School of Medicine in 2004. He served on the W.M. Keck Foundation in Los Angeles as well as many local boards, including Boy Scouts of America, Nevada Area Council; Nevada Taxpayer Association; Nevada Museum of Art; Reno Philharmonic Association; Reno Air Racing Association; Sierra Nevada College; Sage Ridge School and NV Energy. T.J. was a community philanthropist and ranch operator, as well as a locomotive, aviation and automobile enthusiast.

#### A. Dan Rovig

Dan Rovig's career in the minerals industry spans more than 50 years. He currently serves as chairman of the board of directors for Tahoe Resources Inc., and he is recently



retired from Goldcorp Inc. Previously, Dan served as director, chairman, president and CEO for Glamis Gold Ltd. Prior to that, he served as an executive officer of British Petroleum Ltd., including its U.S. subsidiaries Amselco Minerals Inc. and BP Minerals America.

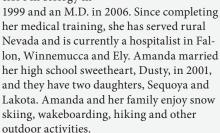
Though they are both Montana natives, Dan and his wife have resided in Reno since 1988. Dan is now serving his second term as a trustee of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation. He is a registered member of the Geological Society of Nevada (GSN) and serves as a director of the GSN Foundation. In 2008, Dan was recognized as a Legion of Honor member by the Society of Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration, and in 2001 he was elected to the American Mining Hall of Fame.

# Outstanding Young Alumni Amanda S. Casey

'99 (biology), '06
M.D.

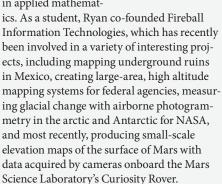
Amanda (Ferguson) Casey is a sixth

generation Nevadan who graduated from Nevada with a bachelor's in biology in





Ryan Dotson graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno with a bachelor's and master's degree in applied mathemat-

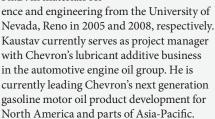


Ryan and his wife, Elaine '02 (biology), '10 M.S. (hydrology), also a Nevada graduate, have a 5-year-old son and a 2-year-old daughter.



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Kaustav Sinha received his master's in metallurgy and a Ph.D. in materials sci-



Kaustav's leadership in the area of fuel-efficient engine oil development has contributed to the advancement of industry-leading research and products in automotive lubricants. His research has garnered collaborations with government agencies, as well as premier academic and industrial research institutions both in the U.S. and abroad. Kaustav was awarded the U.S. Congressional Achievement Award for his leadership, entrepreneurship and scientific endeavors in his field.

Kaustav is married to another Nevada alumnus, Rashi Tiwari '06 M.S., '09 Ph.D. (mechanical engineering), and is the proud father of a 1-year-old daughter, Eira. He is an avid traveler who loves to try out different cuisines, and is passionate about cars and driving.



### Randy J. Brown '89 (accounting)

A Reno native, Randy Brown, CPA, holds a degree in accounting from the University of Nevada, Reno. He is a member of the execu-





Randy has 17 years of experience in the telecommunications industry. He now serves as director of external and regulatory affairs for AT&T, where he is responsible for regulatory, legislative, governmental and community affairs in Nevada.

Randy is deeply committed to the community in which he lives and works, and holds leadership positions with numerous nonprofit agencies, including the Renown Community Advisory Committee, the Governor's Broadband Task Force, the Nevada Taxpayers Association and the Renown Business Board.

Randy and his wife, Natalie, live in Reno with their son, Austin.

### Scott D. Fielden '88 (biology), '93 M.D.

Scott Fielden is a native Nevadan and earned his bachelor's and M.D. from the University of Nevada. Upon graduation, Scott trained in anesthesiol-



ogy at Cornell University Medical Center in New York, and later completed a fellowship in pediatric cardiac anesthesia at UCLA. Scott has been practicing for 15 years and lives in Las Vegas with his wife, Jill, and their three children. He currently sits on the board for the University of Nevada School of Medicine Alumni Chapter, and is president of the Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter.

### Jeffrey N. Pickett '89 (finance)

Jeffrey Pickett graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno with a finance degree in 1989. In 2011, Jeff became president of the Alumni Council



and led the March from the Arch initiative as a new tradition to integrate the student body,

Jeff's community service extends beyond the University with his nonprofit service on the boards of many community organizations. He founded the Reno Tahoe Chapter of AIGA, the professional association for design, and in 2012 was bestowed the prestigious AIGA Fellow Award for his work in the field. Currently, Jeff is vice president with the DuPuis Group, a national consumer product branding agency. He also serves as director of the DRI Research Park at the Desert Research Institute.

Jeff founded Battle Born Beer in 2007, and his support of the University continues through its sponsorship of alumni events.

### Silver & Blue Appreciation Award





#### **Nell J. Redfield Foundation**

A generous donor to the University of Nevada, Reno, the Nell J. Redfield Foundation has impacted all corners of the Nevada campus and beyond. Its founder, Nell Jones Redfield, was an Idaho native who moved to Reno with her husband, LaVere, in the 1930s. Mr. Redfield was successful in the stock market, and together, the couple purchased and accumulated land holdings in Washoe County. Following Mr. Redfield's passing, Mrs. Redfield created the Nell J. Redfield Foundation in 1974. Throughout her lifetime, she made many connections with people on the Nevada campus, particularly the medical school, and she garnered a special interest in education.

For more than four decades, the Nell J. Redfield Foundation has provided more than \$32 million in support of numerous programs on campus, including education, engineering, health sciences, renewable energy, science, theater and women's athletics. Its funding provided for the Nell J. Redfield Foundation Scholarship for University of Nevada, Reno National Merit Scholars. The Foundation's generous contribution made possible the Nell J. Redfield Campus, which services students and the community through the entire Nevada System of Higher Education.

The Redfield trustees include Mrs. Redfield's niece, Jeane Jones, and Jerry Smith. They both received honorary degrees from Nevada, and are committed to ensuring that Mrs. Redfield's philanthropic vision is fulfilled.

### **Chapter of the Year**



#### **Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter**

The Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter proves to be a strong group with dedicated leadership. They regularly gather together at Scooters Pub to watch games and cheer on the Pack. In addition, the group held numerous social events this past year, including the Party at the Yurt at Las Vegas Ski Resort and Hike and Hydrate at Mt. Charleston. They also partner with the Nevada Alumni Association for local events.

Nevada proud in the heart of Rebel country, the Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter holds diverse events throughout the year to reconnect with old friends and cultivate new membership.

# College and Unit Distinguished Alumni

Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources

# William C. Helming '64, '67 M.S. (agricultural and resource economics)

Bill Helming earned his bachelor's and master's in agricultural and resource economics from the University of



Nevada, Reno in 1964 and 1967, respectively. He later became the first economist for the National Cattleman's Beef Association and founded CattleFax in Denver, where he served as its first general manger. Since 1972, Bill has been the successful owner and operator of Bill Helming Consulting Services. He is a nationally known and highly respected economist, agribusiness consultant, author and speaker.

Bill has a strong passion and love for the work he does. He created and produced a successful syndicated radio program that reached more than five million people per day throughout the U.S.

Bill gave the University's Commencement address in 1988, and the Nevada Board of Regents presented him with the Centennial Alumnus Award the same year. Bill and his wife, Kathleen, now live in Olathe, Kan.

#### **Business**

## Riley M. Beckett '68 (accounting)

Riley Beckett was highly involved in student life during his time at the University of Nevada, Reno. He was a three-year Block N letterman on the



boxing team, and involved with Blue Key, Coffin, and Keys and Delta Sigma Pi. Riley

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was also involved in student government; he served as an ASUN senator for the College of Business and was later elected ASUN junior class president. Riley earned his law degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law in 1971 and returned to Nevada to pursue a successful practice, highlighted by a case he argued before the Australian Supreme Court.

Riley has always stayed close to the University and was honored to be appointed by former Nevada President Joe Crowley to Nevada's President's Legislative Liaison Committee. He also served on the board of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation. He continues to strongly support Nevada as chairman of the Mallory Foundation.

#### **Division of Health Sciences**

#### Sandra L. Talley '68 (nursing)

Sandra Talley discovered her passion for nursing as a student at the University of Nevada's Orvis School of Nursing. The programming and staff inspired



her to pursue a career in psychiatric nursing. She later earned her Ph.D. from the University of Utah, after which she taught and practiced at Yale University School of Nursing. While at Yale, Sandra received a Robert Wood Johnson Nurse Faculty Fellowship in primary care. Sandra was a chair of the Psychiatric Nursing Program and worked to develop professional organizations for psychiatric nurses. Sandra retired from Yale and now facilitates a psychiatric nurse practitioner track in the Orvis School of Nursing's master's program.

#### **Education**

#### Dorothy H. Huffey '61 (counseling and guidance)

Dorothy Huffy is a fourth-generation Nevadan whose great-great grandfather was a signer of Nevada's 1864 Constitution and served on the University of Nevada's first board of regents. Dorothy graduated from the

University of Nevada's College of Education with a degree in secondary education in 1961. She was a member of the University of Nevada's Steering Committee for Higher Education for 12



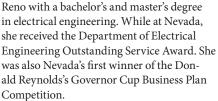
director of development and alumni for the University's southern office until 2005 when she was granted emeritus status. Dorothy's lifelong dedication to community service was honored in 2009 with the Junior

League's Lifetime Community Achievement Award and in 2013 with the President's Award for Outstanding Community Service. For the past 32 years, Dorothy has been the society columnist for the Las Vegas Review-Journal.

#### Engineering's James G. Scrugham Medal

Stephanie A. Luongo '05 (electrical engineering), '09 M.S. (electrical engineering)

Stephanie Luongo graduated from the University of Nevada,



Stephanie is currently a senior systems engineer at Sierra Nevada Corporation (SNC). She began her career as in intern with SNC in Sparks 11 years ago, and now works on the Dream Chaser program in the Space Systems division. Stephanie received SNC's Extraordinary Commitment to Excellence in Leadership Award for her critical role in the avionics subsystem test and integration effort for the first full-scale flight test of the Dream Chaser

Stephanie is a licensed professional engineer in the state of the Nevada and is also an instrument and glider-rated private pilot.

#### **Liberal Arts**

#### William A. Chaffin Jr. '66 (political science)

As a University of Nevada, Reno ROTC graduate, Bill Chaffin served three years in the U.S. Army and was awarded the



Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars. During his time at the University, he was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity and served as ASUN president. Bill later earned his law degree from the McGeorge School of Law in 1976 and is a founding member of the Sacramento Alumni Chapter and a past member of the Nevada Alumni Council.

Bill retired from his practice as a civil trial attorney in 2012. He and his wife, Lorena, are both lifetime members of the Nevada Alumni Association. They now live near Sacramento, Calif., and return to Reno often to use their Nevada Wolf Pack season tickets.

#### Libraries

#### Elizabeth S. Ray '78 M.Ed. (education)

Elizabeth Ray earned her master's from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1978 and taught elementary school in Washoe



County School District (WCSD) for 25 years until her retirement in 2000. She remains an active volunteer with numerous local charities, including AAUW, the National Museum for Women in the Arts, the National Women's History Museum, Historic Reno Preservation

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Society, the Discovery Museum, the National Automobile Museum, Nevada Museum of Art and Retired Teachers of WCSD.

Education has always been important to Elizabeth. Through the Help the Helpless program, she supports four girls in India with their education through high school and college, if they desire. Elizabeth was an active supporter of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center and DeLaMare Science and Engineering Library.

Elizabeth continues her commitment to education by creating educational materials and volunteering at Reno's Grace Warner Elementary School in her spare time.

## Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering

#### William A. Harrigan '48 (mining engineering)

William Harrigan is a native of northern Nevada and earned his degree in mining engineering from the University of Nevada,



Reno in 1948. His academic career was briefly interrupted when he was drafted into military service, during which time he performed aerial photo reconnaissance in North Africa, Italy, Sardinia, Corsica and France during World War II.

Upon his return home and completion of his degree, William's career in mining took him all over Nevada and the West. He later worked at Sierra Pacific Power Company in engineering and construction, and then for Watersource Engineers doing ground water and water well evaluations. He has served on the Mackay School Advisory Board for 10 years and is now an emeritus of the board.

## Outstanding Graduate Student

#### Douglas W. Smith '97 Ph.D. (biology)

Doug Smith earned his Ph.D. in biology

from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1997, and is currently the project leader for the Yellowstone Gray Wolf Restoration Project in Yellowstone National Park. Doug has published numerous



papers on both the wolf and the beaver. His passion for wildlife has led his entire career, including the study of wolves on Isle Royal in 1979, and in Minnesota in 1983 prior to studying the gray wolf in Yellowstone in 1997.

#### School of Medicine

## Rubin H. Saavedra '95 M.D.

Throughout his childhood, Rubin Saavedra dreamed of becoming a physician and helping the most underserved and working poor. He became



an emergency medical technician when he was 15 years old, and after earning his undergraduate degree from UNLV, came to the University of Nevada School of Medicine to fulfill his lifelong dream. Following graduation in 1995, Rubin was elected chief resident of the Las Vegas Family Residency Program. In 2005, he started the Community Outreach Medical Center, a public, nonprofit medical center dedicated to helping the working poor and under/uninsured.

#### Science

## Opal F. Adams '85 M.S. (geology)

After earning her bachelor's in geology from the University of Idaho, Opal Adams spent several years in the wilds of Alaska, living in tents and



avoiding bear encounters, before beginning

her graduate work at the Mackay School of Mines. She spent the next 15 years conducting mineral exploration and mining throughout the Western United States. In 2000, Opal and her husband, Rich DeLong, started Enviroscientists Inc., an environmental permitting firm that services natural resource companies and the federal government. Opal is currently serving as a trustee on the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Board, is a member of the Executive Advisory Board of the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering, past president of the Nevada Geological Society, and a past trustee on the Board of the American and Exploration Mining Association. For fun, Opal enjoys photography and is very involved with rescue dogs at Sugarland

#### The Reynolds School

#### Susan E. Thronson '83 (journalism)

Susan (Anderson) Thronson graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1983 with a bachelor's in journalism. During her time at Nevada,



she interned for Sen. Paul Laxalt '71 (honorary doctor of laws), '85 (honorary degree) and the *Nevada Appeal*. She also worked at the *Sagebrush*, and edited the 1982 edition of *Artemisia*.

Susan's career in marketing is highlighted by her role as senior vice president of global marketing for Marriott International Inc., a position she held until 2013. Susan led the company's integrated marketing efforts for its portfolio of 18 hotel brands in more than 72 countries. Her responsibilities included on- and off-line advertising, social media, strategic alliances, brand and field marketing, and customer relationship.

Susan was appointed to the Angie's List Inc. board of directors in 2012, and she also serves as secretary on the PFLAG National Board of Directors. 

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#### Message from the President

Dear Nevada Alumni.

Our University is much like a fine wine... it gets better with age. The University of Nevada continues to excel in a multitude of areas, making me proud to be part of the Nevada Alumni Association. It is often stated that the University of Nevada is "Reno's best kept secret." I'm here to tell you, it's a secret no more!



Ty Windfeldt '95 President

I am saddened to see my term as president come to an end so quickly, but I am excited to see the bright

future ahead. It has been a pleasure to witness the awe-inspiring projects the University has completed during my term, including the College of Liberal Arts and School of the Arts Act 1 renovation project, the Earthquake Engineering Laboratory and the Ponderosa Village (a new graduate housing on campus).

Future projects we are looking forward to include the E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center, the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center and Peavine Hall (a new residence building). I encourage everyone to visit and see firsthand the transformations that are unfolding.

The fall season is upon us, bringing a number of reasons to visit campus, including home football games! Back the Pack, and be sure to join us at the official Alumni Association tailgate parties in Legacy Hall, starting two hours prior to kick off for each home game. Most importantly, you don't want to miss the Homecoming game against arch rival Bose State Oct. 4. Homecoming celebrations begin the evening before with the second annual March from the Arch. Last year's event was a tremendous success, and this year's planning committee is making it even more impressive. I hope to see everyone there!

It truly has been an honor to serve as President of Nevada Alumni Council. I would like to thank the entire council for their support and commitment to the University. Most importantly, I would like to thank the Nevada Alumni Association team. They work tirelessly to ensure that each and every event is successful. The efforts of this team do not go unnoticed, and it is because of their dedication that we have such an amazing University of Nevada Alumni Association!

Once Nevada. Always Nevada!

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Sincerely,

Ty Windfeldt '95

President, Nevada Alumni Council

#### Nevada Alumni Council Executive Committee

Ty Windfeldt '95

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Thomas J. Hall '65

Mercy Mott '81



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#### 60s

N Thomas J. Hall '65 (finance) became the board chair of the Community Foundation of Western Nevada Board in July. He has been an active trustee for the foundation since 2008. The Community Foundation is leading a community-wide initiative in Washoe County to address the challenges facing runaway, homeless, unattached and aging-out foster youth between the ages of 12 and 24. Tom has served as president of the Reno-Stead Airport Association, the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, the Nevada Alumni Association, the Washoe County Bar Association and the Reno Air Racing Foundation.

Ellyn Simms Mackenzie '64 (English), '77 M.A. (educational administration/higher education) and the Nevada State Museum recently coordinated USS Nevada (BB-36) battleship's 100th birthday and memorial plaque celebration in Carson City as part of the Nevada Sesquicentennial Celebration. The July 11 event was the latest endeavor in a project that she and her 1991 Vaughn Middle School gifted and talented students have worked on for the past 23 years.

#### 80s

Mercy Mott '81 (nursing) is the assistant program director at Breckinridge School of Nursing and Health Sciences at ITT Technical Institute in Rancho Cordova, Calif. After graduating from Nevada, Mercy worked for the VA Long Beach Health Care System and later was a traveling nurse for Cross Country TravCorps. She earned a master's in nursing from UCLA and taught at Hawaii Pacific University for 16 years before retirement. She came out of retirement to work at Nevada

State College in Henderson and received her doctor of nursing practice from Case Western Reserve University. She has three children and nine grandchildren.

Mark E. Smith '86 M.S. (civil engineering) was appointed to the board of directors for Brazilian Nickel Ltd., a London-based mining company with nickel laterite properties



## Nevada grad wins San Francisco Marathon

August Brautigam '12 (mechanical engineering) won the San Francisco Marathon on July 27. With a time of 2:32:16, August took first place in the men's division, 26 seconds ahead of the second place finisher. August began pursuing his athletic aspirations on the Wolf Pack's Nordic ski team while he was a student, but when the program was cut in 2010, he took up running as "the easiest and least time-intensive sport" he could think of. August received his degree in mechanical engineering from Nevada in 2012 and is currently an engineer at Ebara Cryodynamics. He lives in Reno with his wife and 1-year-old child.







Wade Gochnour '92



Donato Cabrera '96

in Brazil. Mark is a specialist in processing nickel laterite ores using heap leaching, a technique broadly used in Nevada for gold and silver. Mark is also a member of the University of Nevada, Reno College of Engineering Advisory Board.

#### 90s

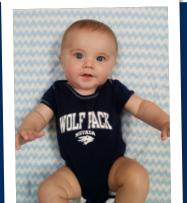
Glen S. Krutz '90 (political science), '93 M.P.A. (public administration and policy) was appointed vice provost for academic initiatives at the University of Oklahoma. In addition to his current administrative duties, he will continue to teach freshman American government classes as professor of political

science. He previously served as associate director of the University of Oklahoma's Carl Albert Congressional Studies Center and director of Arizona State University's partnership program with The Washington Center in Washington, D.C.

Wade Gochnour '92 (accounting) is one of Howard & Howard's seven attorneys recently named to the 2014 Mountain States Super Lawyers and Rising Stars lists. Selections for this list are made by the research team at Super Lawyers through a rigorous process, including a statewide survey of lawyers, independent evaluation of candidates, a peer review of candidates and disciplinary check.

Mountain States Super Lawyers covers the states of Nevada, Utah, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. Only 5 percent of the lawyers in each of these states are named to Super Lawyers.

Donato Cabrera '96 (applied music) is the resident conductor for the San Francisco Symphony, the Wattis Foundation Music Director for the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra, and music director for the Las Vegas Philharmonic, the California Symphony and the New Hampshire Music Festival. His 2014-15 season will take him across the country and abroad.





Jeremy Rayburn '05 (information systems) and Elizabeth Rayburn '05, '14 M.Ed. (education) are happy to announce the birth of their son Jake, born Jan. 22.

Brandyn Rada '05 (environmental and wildlife biology) and Katie (Revelino) Rada '06 (health ecology) proudly announce the birth of their son, Levi David, born May 13.





**W**olf cubs

**Rachel Graffam** '07 MBA (business administration) and Dan Graffam '08 (civil engineering) welcomed twins March 20. Daphne and Esther now join big sister Charlotte on hikes and bike rides around

their Galena-area home.

**™** Greg Ruzzine '07 (finance) and Emily (Stratton) Ruzzine '08 (journalism), would like to introduce their newest Wolf Pack fan, Dominic Daniel Ruzzine, born May 5, 2014.







Tom Lavin '97 M.A.



Mike Anderson '99, '03 MBA

Joey Orduna Hastings '97 (political science) has been awarded the honor of Court Executive of the Year by the Nevada Association of Court Executives. Joey was nominated by the Second Judicial District Court judges and several elected and appointed Washoe County officials. She is the district court administrator and clerk at the Second Judicial District Court in Reno.

Tom Lavin '97 M.A. (counseling and educational psychology) is the recipient of the 2014 IMPACT AWARD from the Association for Contextual Behavioral Science (ACBS) for his work as a psychotherapist and health educator. The ACBS noted Tom's 19-year health

and wellness show, New Skills for Living on KOLO 8, specifically his 17-part-series on using Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) to address anxiety, depression, chronic illness, substance abuse and problematic relationships. Also noted were his psychoeducation series "ACT: Live Better" and "ACT Mindfully," as well as classes for nurses, social workers and other healthcare providers on how to respond therapeutically to patients who are suffering.

Mike Anderson '99 (electrical engineering), '03 MBA was recently hired by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Mike and his wife, Holly, will move with their two daughters to northern Virginia.

#### 00s

Maj. Dennis Crawford '01 (geography) is an Air Force nuclear and missile operations officer and has been assigned to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., where he will teach military and strategic studies. This is his sixth active duty assign-

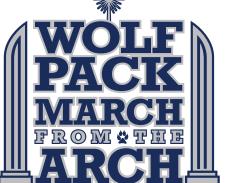
Kristen Simmons '03 (psychology) is author of the ARTICLE 5 trilogy, a young-adult dystopian series. She has six more fiction books due out in the next three years.

Austyn Crites '05 (Spanish) is co-founder and president of Rockzip Highballoons, and









Presented by Barrick Gold Homecoming 2014 Friday, October 3rd

6 p.m. Downtown Festivities @ ReTRAC Plaza 8 p.m. Parade to the University Quad 8:45 p.m. Pep Rally @ the Quad www.marchfromthearch.com











Austyn Crites '05

Kristin Larsen '05

Chris Edwards '08

recently launched a Kickstarter campaign to fund product development. With a mission to promote "inexpensive space access for all," Austyn and his team build high-altitude balloons that are light and strong enough to float up to the edges of space. Applications for their products range from telecommunications to disaster relief.

Kristin Larsen '05 (journalism) recently joined Noble Studios' strategy team as a digital media specialist. From the newsroom to the classroom to the fast-paced environment of an agency, Kristin brings extensive experience overseeing integrated marketing initiatives to the Noble Studios team. As a digital media specialist, she will oversee email

marketing, SEO/SEM and paid digital advertising. Previously, Kristin was the marketing manager and web developer for OnStrategy/ M3 Planning in Reno. Prior to OnStrategy, she was an instructor in the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism. She taught classes covering multimedia reporting, Web design, Dreamweaver, InDesign, Photoshop and video production. She began her career in Web and breaking news, holding positions with Sparks Tribune, KUNR Public Radio and Reno Gazette-Journal. An awardwinning content creator, Larsen has earned two staff recognition awards from the *Reno* Gazette-Journal and a Communicator Award of Distinction for a KUNR radio story.

Carrie (Henderson) Busha '06 (political science) recently joined Development and Alumni Relations as coordinator, and will be assisting the editorial team in producing the Nevada Silver & Blue magazine and alumni events. Carrie lives in Reno with her husband, David, and their son, Elliott.

**Tim Mullin '06** (journalism, political science) was recently hired as the center director for the United Service Organization (USO) Las Vegas office. He will oversee all programming and fundraising efforts locally to further the USO's mission to uplift the spirits of American troops and their families.







Carrie (Henderson) Busha '06

Sara Robbins '10

Chris Edwards '08 (social work) has eight years of experience in the health care field, and is now co-owner of Great Basin Behavioral Health and Wellness. Chris will lead development of outpatient therapeutic programs, including community-based groups, and further expansion of the agency. In his free time, Chris remains committed to his love for the outdoors, travel and adventure sports.

Jennifer Richards '09 (information systems) recently completed an intensive summer session curriculum with the National College for DUI Defense at Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Mass. She lives in Seattle and works as an associate attorney at Feldman & Lee, P.S.

Sara Robbins '10 (journalism) is the new public relations and social media manager at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino. With the continuing rise of interactive media, Sara will

assist in boosting the online presence for the resort casino, creating an impactful digital experience both online and on property. She will also be responsible for media relations, acting as a liaison between media and the Silver Legacy. Her background includes time spent at Bauserman Group, where she assisted with social media, public relations and content marketing on multiple gaming clients, as well as health insurance, retail, golf and special event accounts. She also worked at Grand Sierra Resort and Casino as the public relations and community affairs manager.

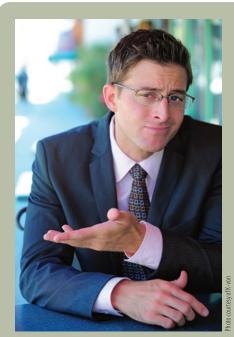
Donald Shelton '10 Ph.D. (judicial studies) has been appointed director of the Criminal Justice Program and associate professor at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He enters academia following almost 25 years on the bench in Michigan.

Nathan Demuth '12 (information systems) and Michael Garganese '12 (finance) have launched whatthesock.com, which takes an innovative approach to the fashion industry and business in general. The business model for their fashion sock startup utilizes crowd funding and crowdsourcing. After graduating from the University, Nathan worked at Google and Michael worked at Accenture. They both left their jobs after a year to pursue their startup fulltime.



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Submissions are due
Nov. 1 and can be sent to: chatter@
unr.edu. We edit all submissions
for style, clarity and length.



Join me and never celebrate the holidays ... on the holidays! I understand there will be resistance to this new method, but let me explain.

## Kickin' it with K-von | Holiday Savings Time

Holidays lose their luster when everybody's doing it. No longer is it a relaxing time to get together with your loved ones and experience it for what it was meant to be. Yet, I have a solution.

We don't need the calendar to boss us around, telling us precisely when to show our appreciation for one another. Be your own person and shift the holidays so they fall two days later than normal!

Whatever day the holiday lands on for everyone else, you now still have two more days to prepare.

Much like daylight savings, I deem this: "Holiday Savings." The benefits are plentiful:

- Your birthday now happens a few days later (translation: you stay younger, longer).
- Christmas for your family is now celebrated on Dec 27. No more lines at the malls, less traffic, and think how much you'll save on presents, hotels, flights and rental cars.

- Never miss Mother's Day again (you're welcome, Mom).
- On Valentine's Day, finally get the table of your choice and at a reasonable rate.
- Your fireworks will really stand out on the 6th of July.
- Enjoy some piping hot turkey and stuffing while all the other families are choking down cold leftovers.
- And finally, get more attention and be considered a lot scarier to the general public while prancing around in your Halloween costume on Nov. 2!

K-von '03 (marketing) is a Nevada alum and comedian. Visit www.Kvon.tv or www.facebook.com /KvonComedy for info.



Chapter Updates

#### **Alumni Band**

Elizabeth Lynner '02, nevadaalumniband@gmail.com

Grab your horn, your drum, your flag or whatever instrument you choose and play with us for Homecoming! Rehearsal is Friday, Oct. 3, and on the field Saturday, Oct. 4 as Nevada takes on Boise State. All band members are welcome; you only need to have marched for one semester. For more information, email nevadaalumniband@gmail.com.

#### **College of Business Alumni Association**

Nicole (Moschetti) Vance '96, nicole.vance@dunham.com

The College of Business Alumni Association sponsored the Aug. 13 Pack Picnic on the Quad by providing free popcorn and refreshments for attendees. We will also sponsor the Career Fair reception Oct. 15. Keep an eye out for details regarding this event. For more

ABOVE: The Nevada Greek, Asian American Pacific Islander, College of Business and Honors Alumni Chapters, as well as the Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association co-sponsored the 2014 Pack Picnics on the Quad.

information about joining the COBAA, please visit www.unr.edu/ business/alumni-and-giving.

#### **Native American Alumni Chapter**

Stephanie Wyatt '12, swyatt1031@gmail.com

The Native American Alumni Chapter (NAAC) strives to build a strong community and promote education through networking with alumni, friends, families, tribes, students, prospective students, educators and the University faculty and staff. The NAAC is proud to provide scholarships to outstanding Native American students attending the University of Nevada.

We look forward to hosting our annual Homecoming tailgate Oct. 4. Lifetime chapter memberships are \$300 per individual or \$500 per couple. Annual memberships are also available for \$15 per person. To purchase a membership, please visit alumni.unr.edu or call (888) NV ALUMS. For more information, contact Kari Emm at

kemm@unr.edu or Stephanie Wyatt at swyatt1031@gmail.com

#### **Nevada Cheer and Spirit Alumni Chapter**

Elliot E. Sparkman '04, eesparkman@gmail.com

The Nevada Cheer and Spirit Alumni Chapter invites you to our 2014 Homecoming events. We will host our Homecoming social Friday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Wolf Den, followed by a walk to the Quad to support the team at the Homecoming Pep Rally. Join us Saturday, Oct. 4 for our Homecoming tailgate, three hours before kickoff in the north parking lot of Mackay Stadium. We will meet the team, have a section of tickets to cheer on the Pack, and have our annual field introduction. If you need game tickets, additional information, or to join the chapter, please visit alumni.unr.edu/ chapters. Please follow us on Facebook. GO PACK!









#### **Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter**

Mike McDowell '03, mdmcdowell@gmail.com

The Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter was proud to sponsor a Pack Picnic on the Quad this summer as the Reno Municipal Band played Disney favorites to a packed house of hundreds of families.

You can join your fellow Greek alumni for our Homecoming Flashback Friday on Oct. 3 at 9:30 p.m. at the Corkscroo Bar near campus. This event is free to you and a great way to celebrate Homecoming weekend. Stay up to date on all of our events by following us on Facebook (facebook.com/NevadaGreeks).

#### Nevada Student Ambassador Alumni Chapter

Priscilla Acosta '10, pnacosta@gmail.com

We're back with a bang, and ready to show all the alumni how to really march! But before that happens, join the Nevada Student Ambassador Alumni Chapter Friday, Oct. 3 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Pub-N-Sub for some pizza and beer. As a chapter, we will be celebrating our Homecoming win a little early this year. This social will be packed with laughs and memories from the good ol' days.

#### Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association

Jan (Pritchard) Brady '63, '88 MBA, lycrsswrds@aol.com

OSNAA is a happening chapter this fall! On Sept. 9, OSNAA held our Fall Mock Interview Day. This ongoing event gives future Orvis graduates an opportunity to become more comfortable with the interview process while giving OSNAA members a chance to interact with OSN students.

On Sept. 16, we offered our first continuing education event. It was open to OSNAA members and non-member registered nurses seeking continuing education opportunities.

You won't want to miss a great opportunity to connect with former classmates at our Homecoming BBQ! It will be Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 5 p.m. on the Health Sciences Quad. Alumni, guests, faculty and students are all welcome.

For more information about any of these events, find us at Facebook.com/osnaaunr or visit alumni.unr.edu/chapters.

#### Northeastern Nevada Alumni Chapter

Danny Gonzales '90, '95, '04, wolfpackelko@gmail.com

The University of Nevada Northeastern Nevada Alumni Chapter

hosted a meet and greet with Doug Knuth, Nevada Wolf Pack Athletic Director July 16 at Frenchman and Redneck in Elko. Doug discussed the current state of Nevada athletics and where it is headed. He also took time to visit with Regent Kevin Melcher and talk about the historic Nevada Bell and see the original site of the University of Nevada. The bell is undergoing an historic renovation to help celebrate Nevada's sesquicentennial and the University of Nevada's 140th year in existence.

If you are interested in joining the chapter, please visit www. unr.edu/alumni/chapters/ and register. Dues are \$15.

For information, please contact Danny Gonzales at wolfpack-elko@gmail.com or (775) 397-2418.

### Sacramento Alumni Chapter

Steve Park '99, spark@ccareynkf.com

The Sacramento Alumni Chapter hosted a Nevada at Arizona viewing party Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Blue Cue in Sacramento.

We will travel to Reno for the Homecoming football game Saturday, Oct. 4 when the Pack takes on Boise State. Plan to tailgate with us at the Nevada Alumni Association's pregame party at Legacy Hall, located on the southwest side of Mackay Stadium. The pregame party begins at 5:30 p.m., and the game kicks off at 7:30 p.m.

We will hold our annual mystery bus trip in late January, so





LEFT: The Southern Nevada alumni Chapter at their 93rd annual reunion in Newport Beach. RIGHT: The Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter enjoying lunch at the Mount Charleston Lodge during the Hike and Hydrate event.

please plan to attend.

We meet monthly at different locations for lunch and happy hour. For information, visit us on Facebook or contact President Steve Park at (916) 367-6345 or spark@ccareynkf.com.

#### Southern California **Alumni Chapter**

Chris Polimeni '85, cpolimeni@fwq.com

The Southern California Alumni Chapter held its 93rd annual reunion in Newport Beach. Alumni from Los Angeles to San Diego met to catch up and share ideas for upcoming events. The group also recognized Ed Schoenberg '89 M.A. (counseling and guidance) for serving many years as the group's scholarship chairman. (Ed's son, Daniel Schoenberg '10, (music) is a new member to the group!) Regardless of whether attendees graduated in 1947 or in 2010, everyone can relate to each other's experiences and memories—and the amazement at how the campus has grown and changed. One thing is for sure, Southern California alumni are Nevada proud!

#### **Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter**

Scott Fielden '88, '93 M.D., sdfmd@aol.com

The Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter has had a tremendous

past few months. The chapter is growing in numbers and was awarded "Outstanding Chapter" of the year by the Nevada Alumni Association. We will be recognized at the Homecoming Gala Oct. 2 and the football game Oct. 4 when the Pack takes on Boise State.

In April, we had a hige turnout for the Reno Aces vs. the 51s baseball game. Almost 150 people were in attendance. We also held a couple of summer events, including the Hike and Hydrate event at Mt. Charleston in July, as well as attending "Shrek" at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park in August. During football season, join us to watch the Nevada football games at Scooters Pub to root for the Pack!

#### **UNSOM Alumni Chapter**

Scott Fielden '88, '93MD, sdfmd@aol.com

The School of Medicine Alumni Chapter invites alumni to get involved in a number of events this fall. The first is during Homecoming on Friday, Oct. 4. There will be medical campus tours from 4:30-5:30 p.m. starting in the foyer of the health sciences building, followed by an all-alumni reception honoring Rubin Saavedra, '95 M.D. as Outstanding Alumnus. The second is a fundraiser golf tournament in memory of alumna Caroline Graham-Lamberts '05, (Spanish and biology) '11 M.D. Proceeds will benefit the Caroline Graham-Lamberts M.D. Memorial Scholarship. It will be held at Canyon Gate Country Club in Las Vegas Oct. 27. For more information, please contact Wendy Nelson at (702) 671-2240.

There are new and exciting developments in the School of

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#### **USAC Alumni Chapter**

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The USAC Alumni Chapter continues to grow. Nearly 150 University of Nevada, Reno students spent the summer studying abroad. This fall, an additional 100 students from Nevada are studying abroad in a USAC program. We are proud to announce that early last summer, USAC—in conjunction with generous Nevada donors—awarded more than \$40,000 in scholarships to Nevada students studying abroad during the summer or fall terms. As the study abroad office for the University, USAC will be visible across campus this fall hosting a number of events, including the annual Study Abroad Fair. The USAC Alumni Chapter will also host the inaugural USAC Alumni tailgate, which will take place prior to the Homecoming football game against Boise State Oct. 4. The tailgate will take place at the USAC office three hours prior to kick off. To learn more, please contact Derreck Calkins, (775) 682-6784 or dcalkins@unr.edu. N



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### **Emeriti Faculty Reception**

The Nevada Alumni Association was honored to host more than 120 guests for the 9th Annual Emeriti Faculty Reception Aug. 12. This summer event is a wonderful opportunity for the University to thank emeritus faculty for their many years of service to the institution. University President Marc Johnson and Alumni Council President Ty Windfeldt '95 recognized this year's newly inducted emeritus faculty members and welcomed attendees.

- (1) Martha Jessup '70 M.S., Faculty Emeritus David Seibert, Bob Buss, June Garner, Faculty Emeritus Duane Garner and Becky Seibert.
- **(2)** Dean of University Libraries Kathy Ray, Faculty Emerita Marsha Read '68, '69 M.S. and Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers.
- **(3)** University President Marc Johnson with Bill Douglass and Karen Penner-Johnson.
- **(4)** Nevada System of Higher Education Regent Richard Trachok '74, Frances (Sumner) Trachok '47, Faculty Emeritus

Dick Trachok '49, '54 M.A., Edna Benna and Cathy (Benna) Trachok '76.

- **(5)** Dave Quilici '90, '97 Ph.D. and Regent Jason Geddes '90, '95 Ph.D.
- (6) Barbara Miller '94 M.A., Kathy Lewis and Jeanne Reitz.
- (7) Ed Kleiner with Brian Whalen '57.















### **Pack Picnics on the Quad**

Pack Picnics on the Ouad have become a much-loved summer tradition for Nevada alumni and friends. Hundreds of families spread blankets, listen to live music, and enjoy each other's company on the Quad for the free, six-concert music series through July and August. Sponsored by the Summer Session and alumni chapters, Pack Picnics are a great way to stay connected to the University during the summer months.

- (1) Alumni, family and friends enjoy the beautiful Quad and enjoy the music of Homemade Jam.
- **(2)** Cuddlez the Clown enjoys entertaining kids at the picnics.
- (3) John and Rachael Sturdevant with Wren and Max along with Laura LaMere '96, Orla Slocum, Spencer and Paul Mitchell '96 M.A., '10 Ph.D.
- (4) The Sistek, Oster, Held, Pearson, AuCoin, Holbrook, Craig, Wendt and Lowden families.

- **(5)** Kristie '91 and Bryan Calder '90 with dog, Buster.
- **(6)** Mike '00, Kane and Avery Edwards, with Adyson Gottier playing on the Quad.
- (7) Christine and Dan Carr '08 with Avery and Caitlyn.

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### **Hike and Hydrate**

The Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter met at Mount Charleston July 13 for the Inaugural Hike and Hydrate event. Alumni hiked up to Mary Jane Falls, then enjoyed lunch on the deck at the lodge.

- **(1)** Alumni take a break from the hike and enjoy the scenery.
- (2) The Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter.
- **(3)** Chapter President Scott Fielden '88, '93 M.D. on the trail.

### **Football Tailgate Party**

The Nevada Alumni Association welcomes all Nevada alumni and fans at our football tailgate parties in Legacy Hall. This year's season kicked off Aug. 30 for the Nevada vs. Southern Utah game.

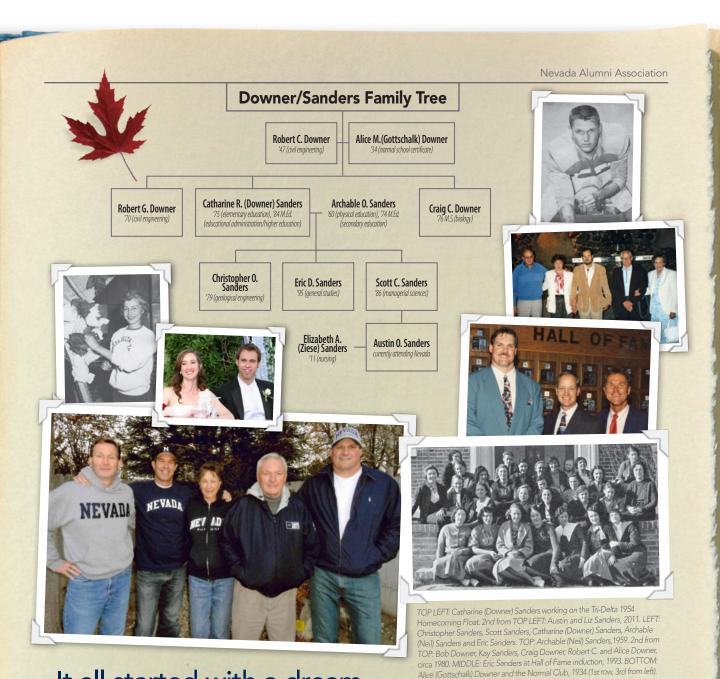
- (1) Back Row: Former Dean Bill Sparkman, Mary Hillman, Alumni Council member Deb Pierce '86, Alumni Council member Gary Aldax '96. Front: Susan Sparkman, Karen (Abbott)Beyer '61 and Erik Beyer '62.
- (2) Rosemary (Barengo) Pressler '87, Ned Peterson, Jenny

Peterson, Mia Peterson and Dave Pressler '72 M.P.A., '82 M.A.

**(3)** Alumni preparing to enjoy the first game of the season.

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## It all started with a dream.

During the Great Depression, Lovelock native Alice Gottschalk Downer wanted to be a teacher. She worked and saved to attend the Normal School at the University of Nevada, and went on to teach for 25 years. Robert Downer, Alice's husband and a WWII Navy combat veteran, completed his degree after the war ended. The couple's three children, Catharine (Kay) Sanders, Bob Downer and Craig Downer, followed their parents' footsteps to the University. Kay and Neil Sanders had three sons, Chris, Eric and Scott, who carried on the Nevada tradition. Eric Sanders was drafted by the NFL in 1981 and played six years for the Atlanta Falcons and six years for the Detroit Lions. "The University of Nevada has been pivotal in our lives, making it possible to reach our goals," Kay Sanders says. "We are proud graduates and enthusiastically support our alma mater."

How many University of Nevada, Reno alumni make up your family tree? Let us know, and you could all be featured in an upcoming issue of Nevada Silver & Blue. For details, visit unr.edu/alumni or call 888.NV ALUMS.



## Remembering Friends





















Stanley K. Kinder

Amalia "Molly" lbarra

Robert K. Myles

Helen (Biegler) Risley '39, '60

Winneva F. Miller'49

William "Billy Mac" McGoldrick

Norman Montelatici '58

Eugene "Sully" E. Sullivan '66

Jeffrey C. Archer **′74** 

William J. Schofield ′82,86 M.D.

#### Friends

Barbara J. (Shaffer) Anderson May 17, 2014-Reno, Nev.

Joseph E. Evans May 22, 2014-Sparks, Nev.

Stanley K. Kinder June 5, 2014-Reno, Nev.

Dorothy E. (Stepps) Lazzarone June 19, 2014-Reno, Nev.

John W. Zerweck June 5, 2014-Incline Village, Nev.

## **Faculty**

Dorothy Mae (Hunt Bronneke Hildreth) Amos, management assistant, recreation and physical education, College of Arts and Science June 9, 2014-Chico, Calif.

Jeffry K. Bond July 18, 2014-Reno, Nev.

**Suzanne Burger,** custodial, buildings and grounds June 15, 2014-Reno, Nev.

Anne P. Davis July 20, 2014-Reno, Nev.

Madison L. (Crossman) Gail June 27, 2014-Reno, Nev.

Ann E. (L'Hommedieu) Graham, administrative assistant, foundation May 26, 2014-Graeagle, Calif.

**Sharon B. Holabird,** administrative aide, College of Science July 19, 2014-Doyle, Calif.

Amalia "Molly" Ibarra June 19, 2014-Reno, Nev.

Alta "Ruth" (Cooper Watts) **Johnson**, management assistant, School of Medicine June 10, 2014-Fallon, Nev.

**Sharel Ann Johnson,** program aide June 3, 2014-Reno, Nev.

Grace L. (Caricaburu) Krall, senior clerk typist, College of Agriculture May 16, 2014-Reno, Nev.

Robert K. Myles, emeritus faculty of internal medicine, School of Medicine May 24, 2014-Reno, Nev.

**Dorothy D. (Howard) Smith** July 1, 2014-Sparks, Nev.

## Alumni

Elmer L. Isaac'39 (electrical engineering) May 27, 2014-Rocklin, Calif.

Helen (Biegler) Risley '39 (grammar grade diploma) **'60** (elementary education) June 2, 2014-Fallon, Nev.

Dallas A. (Corle Waters Crane) **Block**, attended 1941-43, 1974-87 June 29, 2014-Carson City, Nev.

Alexander "Alex" V. Rassuchine, attended 1946-49 June 10, 2014-Reno, Nev.

Esther (Golick) Vacchina '47 (Spanish) July 5, 2014-Reno, Nev.

Winneva F. Miller '49 (kindergarten/ primary education) May 30, 2014-Reno, Nev.

Jo-Ann (Barbash) Duncan '51 (education)

June 7, 2014-Reno, Nev.

Clydie J. (Seckinger) Clayson, attended 1954-57

March 21, 2014-Inyokern, Calif.

William "Billy Mac" McGoldrick, attended 1955-58 May 9, 2014-Las Vegas, Nev.

Lucille 'Lucy' (Nelson) Lindsay '56 (physical education) June 24, 2014-Naples, Fla.

Norman Montelatici '58 (business administration) June 23, 2014-Yerington, Nev.

Laurel L. (Parker Arata) Ronsley **'58** (sociology) May 31, 2014-Westerly, R.I.

Alonzo "Lynel" L. Cunningham '60 M.Ed. (school administration) May 30, 2014-Reno, Nev.

**Byran Nuss,** attended 1964–73 June 20, 2014-Reno, Nev.

Jack G. Quade '65 (geology) May 22, 2014-Reno, Nev.

Gary M. Fechko '66 (hydrology) May 21, 2014-Reno, Nev.

Eldon R. Poulsen '66 (mathematics) July 3, 2014-Las Vegas, Nev.

Eugene "Sully" E. Sullivan '66 (physical education) June 11, 2014-Reno, Nev.

Edward "Ed" W. Reiher '67

(mechanical engineering) July 6, 2014-Laguna Hills, Calif.

James "Jim" L. Nelson '69 (electrical engineering) June 9, 2014-Reno, Nev.

Thomas E. Stoker '69 (Spanish) June 20, 2014-Lovelock, Nev.

Dale L. (Record Hancock) **Johnstone '72** (physical education) '93 M.S. (social work)

May 11, 2014-Reno, Nev.

Judith A. Middleton '72 (biological sciences) May 30, 2014-Reno, Nev.

George A. Vanderhoof '72 (social psychology) June 9, 2014-Reno, Nev.

**Jeffrey C. Archer '74** (premedical) July 7, 2014-Reno, Nev.

**Joe R. Merica '76** (journalism) June 28, 2014-Las Vegas, Nev.

Dean Kraft, attended 1978-83 May 23, 2014-Sparks, Nev.

Brian L. Coli, attended 1980–81 March 18, 2014-Palm Springs, Calif.

Rhonda J. Kilty '81 (accounting) June 23, 2014-Carson City, Nev.

William J. Schofield '82 (premedical) '86 M.D. July 19, 2014-Las Vegas, Nev.

Richard J. Meinert III '84 (animal June 23, 2014-Janesville, Calif.

Brian K. Porter, attended 1984–88 July 20, 2014-Reno, Nev.

**Peter C. Simeoni '87** (history) July 6, 2014-Reno, Nev.

**Darren R. Copeland,** attended 2001-09 July 12, 2014-Reno, Nev.

Nathan T. Estimada, attended

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2007-08 June 18, 2014-Las Vegas, Nev.

Nolan W. Gail, attended 2013-14 June 29, 2014-Reno, Nev.

## Fostering Nevada's Future

## Donald W. Reynolds Foundation names professorship in honor of Barbara Smith Campbell '78

The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation has made a \$1 million gift to the University of Nevada, Reno to establish a professorship in honor of Barbara Smith Campbell '78 (economics) and her many years of dedication and service to the Reynolds Foundation, the University and the state of Nevada.

The Barbara Smith Campbell Distinguished Professor of Nevada Tax Policy at the College of Business will support a tenure-track position for a scholar in the discipline of economics and expertise that includes tax policy.

"We are pleased to announce this permanently endowed professorship at the College of Business in honor of Reynolds Foundation Trustee Barbara Smith Campbell," says Reynolds Foundation Chairman Fred W. Smith. "Not only has she provided the Reynolds Foundation with 16 years of service as a trustee, she has worked tirelessly with other organizations for the betterment of the state of Nevada."

The Las Vegas-based Reynolds Foundation has been a longtime supporter of the University. In 2009, the foundation gave \$8.3 million to the University to transform the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism building into one of the most advanced schools of communication in the country. The upgrades were completed in 2012. Additionally, the foundation has generously endowed faculty positions within the Reynolds School of Journalism.

The Barbara Smith Campbell Distinguished Professor will focus research efforts and class-

room implementation of special topics related to Nevada tax policy, and will organize a local/state industry advisory board comprised of members who are active in their current field. The board will meet periodically as a source of information and up-to-date practices for the chosen professor. The professor will be named to a four-year term and may be reappointed at the end of the fourth year.

"The University's College of Business is committed to becoming an increasingly influential driver of economic development for the state and region. We continue to enhance our role as a resource for attracting new businesses, helping existing businesses grow, and preparing the students we educate to be competitive for the jobs we help create," says College of Business Dean Greg Mosier. "We appreciate the assistance that individuals, organizations, corporations and foundations, such as the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, provide us in support of our mission."

Campbell, who is named the 2014 Alumna of the Year by the Nevada Alumni Association, is principal of Consensus LLC, a consulting firm that provides strategic tax planning for businesses located or planning to locate in the state of Nevada. She has a total of 28 years of state and local government tax expertise. She was a University of Nevada, Reno Foundation board trustee for three terms, 2000-01, 2005-06 and 2007-08, and was the board's vice chair for finance.

"It is an honor to be recognized by the Reyn-



Barbara Smith Campbell '78

olds Foundation at my alma mater," Campbell says. "Tax policy is an important issue for our state. It is my hope that this professorship will be viewed as the 'go to' research arm for the executive and legislative branches of the state of Nevada."

"Developing sound tax policy requires the consideration of many components and should be a thoughtful, deliberative process," Campbell adds. "You cannot commence such a process during a 120-day legislative session. It needs to begin long before."

Prior to starting Consensus LLC, Campbell served as board chair of the Nevada Tax Commission. She was first appointed by Gov. Richard Bryan and subsequently by Gov. Bob Miller and Gov. Kenny Guinn. During her tenure on the commission, she was also director of finance for Mandalay Development, a subsidiary of Mandalay Resort Group. After the company's merger with MGM Mirage, she became vice president of finance for MGM Grand Resorts Development.

Campbell is a gubernatorial appointee and chair of the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange, which will implement the Affordable Care Act in Nevada. She also serves as a community board member for St. Mary's Regional Medical Center.

-Roseann Keegan



# Four days. One amazing Homecoming.

#### OCTOBER 1

Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association BBQ

5-7 p.m., Health Sciences Quadrangle

3rd Annual Sagebrush Alumni Chapter Dinner

6 p.m. No-host reception 7 p.m. Dinner Pinnochio's Bar & Grill, Reno

#### OCTOBER 2

Nevada Alumni Association 2014 Homecoming Gala

Co-Sponsored by GEICO and Hometown Health 6 p.m. No-host reception 7 p.m. Dinner and program Milt Glick Ballroom, Joe Crowley Student Union

#### OCTOBER 3

University of Nevada School of Medicine Alumni Tour and Reception

4:30 p.m. Medical campus tour, William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building Foyer 5:30 p.m. Reception, Center for Molecular Medicine Foyer

Nevada Student Ambassador Alumni Chapter Pub 'N' Sub Night

5-7:30 p.m., Pub 'N' Sub

Wolf Pack March from the Arch Presented by Barrick Gold

In partnership with ASUN and the Nevada Alumni Association 6 p.m. Food and fun, Downtown Reno 8 p.m. Homecoming Parade, Reno Arch to the University Quad 8:45 p.m. Pep Rally, University Quad

Nevada Cheer and Spirit Alumni Chapter Homecoming

7 p.m., The Wolf Den

Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter Homecoming Flashback Friday 9:30 p.m., The Corkscroo Bar

#### OCTOBER 4

Wolf Trot 5K

9 a.m., Joe Crowley Student Union

Fallon Alumni Chapter Rooter Bus and Tailgate 4:30 p.m., Bus departs Fallon with a pickup in Fernley

Native American Alumni Chapter Homecoming Tailgate 4:30 p.m., Health Sciences Quadrangle

Nevada Cheer and Spirit Alumni Chapter Homecoming Tailgate

4:30 p.m., Mackay Stadium North Parking Lot

USAC Alumni Chapter Tailgate 4:30 p.m., USAC Offices

Nevada Alumni Association Homecoming Tailgate Party Co-Sponsored by Battle Born Beer, Camelot Party Rentals, GEICO, Sierra Pacific Federal Credit Union and Whispering Vine 5:30 p.m., Legacy Hall

Nevada Football Alumni Association Homecoming

Tailgate Prior to and during the Homecoming game, Alumni Corner in Mackay Stadium

Nevada vs. Boise State Homecoming Football Game

7:30 p.m. Kickoff For tickets, call (775) 348-PACK, option 2.

For a complete Homecoming schedule, including pricing and RSVP details, please visit www.unr.edu/alumni or call (888) NV ALUMS.

